

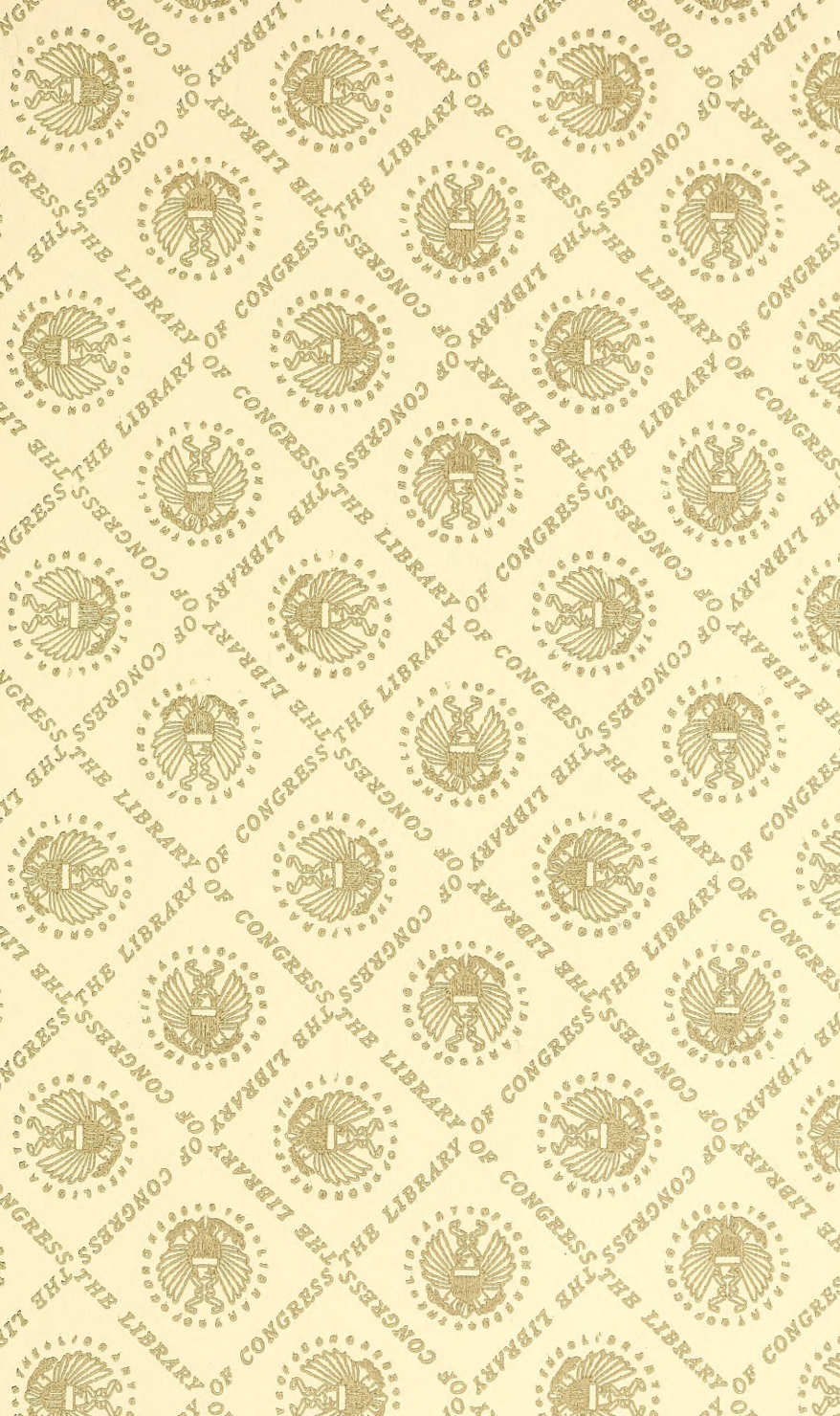




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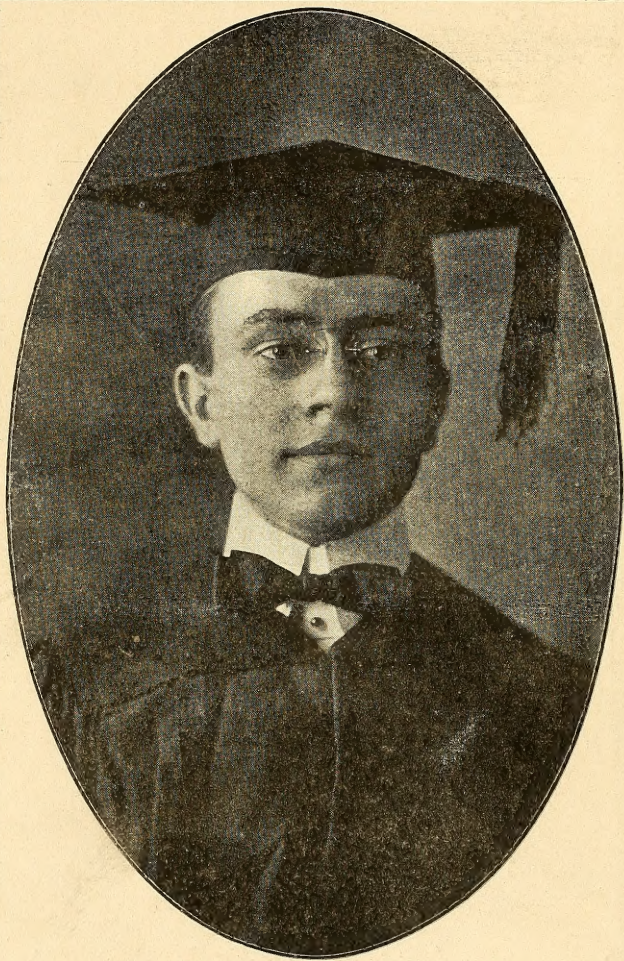












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**HISTORY**  
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**AND**  
**SHIRLEY TOWNSHIP**



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## Preface

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When the hot rays of last August's sun were penetrating the heart of mid-summer and humanity was struggling under the lethargy of the dreadful heat I conceived the idea of writing a history of Mount Union. This conception was not accompanied by any such extensive effort as this work has proved to be, in fact my aspirations were by no means so complex and thorough at the outstart. But as the history progressed and as interest grew I decided to put aside the idea of a brief historical work and enlarge and go into some details relative to the early history of Mount Union, Shirley township and Shirleysburg.

The work of writing this history had been on the author's mind for a number of years prior to the undertaking. It was brought about, perhaps, and made more urgent, because of the demands of the public, particularly those who had a



deep interest in our town. Again, the work of writing this history was necessitated because of the few old residents who remain to tell the story of the happenings of earlier days. As the years come and go these older residents become fewer and the time is not far distant when no one will be left to give his thrilling recollections of the early days of Mount Union. That these details, these reminiscences, these bits of interesting primitive history might be collected and perpetuated and preserved for the interest and benefit of the rising generation as well as the generations which shall come, I have written this volume, prepared first of all with no intention whatever of forming into a book, but with the inadequate idea of publishing through the columns of the MOUNT UNION TIMES for the benefit of its readers. But as the work has grown and developed and reached greater proportions than what we anticipated at the start, and as the public has shown unanimous interest in the undertaking, I have decided to put the history into book form, and as the book goes out to find a place in the various libraries of persons whose love and devotion to their home town is ever sincere, I hope that the effort will not be in vain.

Mount Union is not a very old town as the reader of this history will note, but it is located in an historic section of Pennsylvania

along the famous Juniata River, and over these hills and across these mountains in the past, the Indian roamed, built his wigwam, and shot his game, and here he lived in the midst of barbarism until he was succeeded by the White settlers who came, drove back the savage, took possession of the land, and established settlements. The region of the Aughwick Valley in juxtaposition to the Juniata Valley has a thrilling and interesting history, but this work cannot enter into details as concerns that matter. Shirley township, being one of the oldest townships in the county and Mount Union being connected with it, it was deemed advisable after beginning this work to mention briefly some of the historical points connected with the settlement of the region of the Aughwick, taking in also in brevity the quaint, old town of Shirleysburg, which is decidedly conspicuous from an historic point of view. Perhaps volumes could be written upon either of these subjects, unfolding something of the thrilling history brought about by the associations and the warfare of the White Man and the Indian. There is much in the history that can never and will never be known. There is much also of the history of Mount Union, relative to the earlier days before any town was here, that can never be known, because those earliest residents, who had a vivid recollec-



tion of the Indian trail and the primitive stage, days when Mount Union was in most part a dense forest, have all passed away. But in this work I have endeavored to do the best possible to get to the basis of historic detail, to investigate the authenticity of important statements, to trace back and give dates adequate to the establishment and perpetuation of these interesting facts in the reader's mind. With all this effort I have been limited somewhat by the unreliability of tradition and the inaccuracy incident to old age. I have gleaned many of my facts from histories, having made a study of Hon. J. Simpson Africa's History of Huntingdon and Blair Counties, noted also Hon. M. S. Lytle's History of Huntingdon County, Jones' History of the Juniata Valley, Brumbaugh & Walton's Stories of Pennsylvania, Rupp's History of the earlier counties and Washington Irving's Life of George Washington. Including these, I have referred to various newspapers, magazines, manuscripts and old documents, some of which have been rendered almost illegible because of old age. In addition to all these, I have written letters far and wide for data, and I have conversed freely with the oldest residents of Mount Union and gleaned what I could from them. From all these sources I have devised my work and prepared this volume, and I

am under many obligations to all those who have assisted in any way toward the compilation of this history, for in most instances I have been cordially received and assisted.

The pictures which are presented in this book are many, setting forth not only scenes about Mount Union and this historic section, but many of the men who were prominent in Mount Union in the past as well as those of the present and rising generations who rank among our eminent citizenship. The biographical sketches in this book will become invaluable as the years come and go, for it has been the ambition of the author to develop this portion of the book extensively and to glean the important facts and incidences of the town's prominent men substantiating them by dates and various data. It must be remembered also that there are many whose names are not directly mentioned in this work, prominent residents of Mount Union, for to enter into detail or aim to cover too much ground in this matter would be an impossibility, confining our efforts to the pages of this book.

The anxiety connected with the preparation of this history, together with the care and worry, cannot be told to the reader in this space. Permit me to say, however, that the disentanglement of many intricate points of historical narrative, has at times disturbed considerably



my mental energies, and at times ~~also the undertaking proved to be~~ decidedly burdensome. But with all these, the end has been continuously in view, and the probable good that the effort might do in the world, and with this consolation floating in the horizon of my historical perspective, drudgery disappeared and I felt the glimmer of a forlorn hope that it might be something that would prove a benefit to humanity and perpetuate a portion of local history which would otherwise dwindle into oblivion.

The writer has endeavored in this work to touch upon the things of interest in the town, to note her progress, socially, morally, religiously and industrially. We have given due space to the men who have been makers of this town; men who have formed the community by their influence and zeal; men who have felt a keen interest in our progress; men who have sacrificed in our behalf; men who have passed out without the realization of their hopes; and also the men living today, who have come up to follow in the steps of their esteemed predecessors. We have not mentioned in this work the noble and enterprising women who have lived here in the past, nor those who live in our midst today, but let the reader bear in mind that back of successful manhood rules the golden sceptre of noble womanhood, for truly, "the hand that rocks the cradle

rules the world." All honor and praise to the mothers of Mount Union in the present as well as in the past, whose domestic and maternal influences have been instrumental in the progress and development of the town, for in their quiet domesticity many of them have wrought greater than they knew.

We have mentioned to some length in these pages also the many young men and women who have gone out from the bounds of Mount Union and have swayed a successful career elsewhere in the world. In the busy marts of trade, amid the thrill and flexibility of commercial speculation, in the exalted realms of professional enterprise, Mount Union has been ably represented. Let me add yet to this, in the assumption of a wider scope, that Shirleysburg and Shirley townshipp have done well in the careful and judicious distribution of their sons and daughters to other parts of this great world, for out from behind the hills and mountains have gone doctors, merchants, bankers, teachers, lawyers, ministers—self-made men—who have made good in a busy world, with nothing but sacrifice and perseverance and a big, broad, honest heart at the beginning of their career.

The pages of this book have been printed in the Mount Union Times office and the work has covered several months of hard toil, lasting from the hot days of last summer



until the snows of mid-winter cover the earth in one great mantle of white, and the indications of spring are already permeating the heart of Nature. This history has been run throughout the columns of the Mount Union Times, appearing in successive issues, since Sept. 10, 1909. As this book goes out then from the press, to be read by many, it is the great ambition of the author that the effort will not be fruitless. Not for any great financial remuneration, but that this work may evoke the appreciation of the public, that it may help somebody to a better and nobler career in life, that the perpetuation of this local history for the edification of the generations yet to come may prove a benefaction, and that Mount Union may prosper by this abbreviated history of her extraordinary activity and success,—these shall be sufficient recompense and will prove worthy of an imperishable monument.

*CHARLES HOWARD WELCH*

# Biography

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CHARLES HOWARD WELCH was born in Germany Valley, Huntingdon county Pa., Nov. 9, 1886. He is the only child of Allen Stanley and Annie (Kyer) Welch. When 2 years old the family moved from Germany Valley to Mount Union, where they have resided ever since. In 1887 his father, Mr. A. S. Welch, erected a store and entered into the farm implement and hardware business. In recent years the business has been largely extended and the mercantile interests advanced. As a young man Mr. Welch was associated with the business of his father, also attended the Mount Union Public Schools, from which he graduated in the class of 1898. His association in business has given him a business education, which is an invaluable asset to any young man starting out in life. In the fall of 1898 Mr. Welch entered Juniata College, and in spring of 1901 he was graduated from that institution from the Normal English Department. In the fall of 1901 he re-entered Juniata College to pursue a course in arts. Four years were spent in that institution, and on June 25, 1905, he was graduated



therefrom, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the meantime Mr. Welch received the degree of Master in English, having prepared a thesis and showed signs of satisfactory work in the College Department. Leaving college in 1905, he has since that time been engaged with his father in the mercantile business, also associated particularly in the editorial department of the Mount Union Times. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, at present President of the Christian Endeavor Society and Assistant Superintendent, also a teacher, in the Sunday-school. Mr. Welch is also a member of the State Editorial Association. In the past he has been President of the Christian Endeavor Union of Huntingdon County. In the past he has to some extent been on the lecture platform, he having prepared two lectures, one on "Abraham Lincoln" and the other on "Advancing Generations." Mr. Welch in 1905 published his first literary production, "A Book of Poems", which was received by his friends throughout the country with much approbation. As an editorial writer, Mr. Welch is interested in upholding that which is right and in the putting down of that which is wrong. In his editorial work in the Mount Union Times he aims to discuss all public questions, social, political, religious, and industrial, in a way that is com-

mendable to this paper's many readers. Mr. Welch is also local correspondent at the present time for a number of large city dailies. He is much interested in literary and educational pursuits and is active toward the success and prosperity of Mount Union, his home town.

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## ALTERATIONS

Since the publication of this historical work several changes have taken place and because of some mis-information some corrections are necessary.

On page 43 Currencee G. Swōpe should read Currence J. Swone.

On page 75. Mrs. Geo. Withington mentioned is now deceased.

On page 86 Dr. J. M. Fleming should be Dr. J. C. Fleming of Shirl-ysburg. Instead of settling in Shirleysburg in the autumn of 1889 he went there in the autumn of 1880. He was married on Nov. 22, 1883, instead of 1889.

On page 165 the Town Council is mentioned. Some changes have been made in this body because of the recent February election. The Council now is: J. M. Shaver, Pres.; T. A. Appleby, Harvey Bennett, Dr. C. A. R. McClain, C. H. Weyant, W. F. Eberman, John M. Heckert, E. D. Welch, and John Norton. Charles Wenzel is at present Street Commissioner.

On page 250 Rudolph Sechler is mentioned as the East Broad Top Ticket Agent at this place. Since the preparation of that sketch Mr. Sechler has left the road because of ill health. Eugene Hart is at present E. B. T. Ticket Agent here.

On page 271 Rev. Harry M. Campbell is mentioned as the pastor of the Mount Union Presbyterian church. On March 1, 1910, his relations with this church closed, he having accepted a call to a church in Pittsburg. At the present time the Presbyterian congregation is without a pastor.

Rev. W. C. Spayde, mentioned on page 286 as pastor of the Lutheran church, has recently resigned and accepted a call to Punxsutawney. At the present time the Lutheran congregation is without a pastor.

On page 304 three lines are out of place in the write-up of the Mount Union Times, the 6th, 7th and 8th lines from the top of the page. They can be adjusted by a little care on the part of the reader to make sense.

Stewart A. Kyper, mentioned 337, has recently been married to Miss Mary Snyder of Burnt Cabins.

The Planing Mill, mentioned on page 397, owned by L. E. Reeder, was badly damaged by fire on January 24, 1910.

W. W. Peterson, mention 415, as one of Mt. Union's butchers, has in the meantime sold out to Messrs. Jones & Briggs. Mr. Peterson is now a citizen of Lewistown.

W. A. Boyd, noted on page 438, has sold out the barbering business and moved to Williamsburg, Pa. His successor in Mt. Union is Harry F. Adams of Newport.

Messrs. Hoover & Bollinger, mentioned on pages 443 and 444, have sold out their theatre interests in Williamsburg.

Donald Appleby, mention on page 484, the partner of his father T. A. Appleby in business, has recently dissolved his interests and gone to Oregon.

W. J. Hunter, mentioned on page 491, as a Mount Union citizen and business man, is now a resident of Harrisburg.

Ralph F. Taylor, mentioned on 632, as a teacher of the Mill Creek schools, has resigned this position and accepted a position in the office of the Harbison-Walker Brick Company at this place.

On page 273, Mrs. John Booher, named as an early Methodist, died March 10, 1910.

On page 274, Miss Lida McIntyre, one of the pioneer Methodists named is now deceased.

The School Board, mentioned on page 300 has been changed. The new Board in effect in June, 1910, will be: R. M. Longacre, David Rummel, C. I. Fuller, W. T. Sheaffer, L. S. Norris, Chas. Ingwers, Frank Moore, Dr. Samuel Gregory, C. G. Weirich.

C. H. Haines, named on page 416 has gone out of business.

On page 606, in the Albert McGarvey sketch, the Westinghouse Machine Co., is located in East Pittsburg.

On page 633, William D. Fuller mentioned has since left the postoffice.

On page 689, in the sketch of O. J. Cassady Wayne Furnace should by Lucy. In the last line, 25 acres should be 2500.

On page 709, Dessie Powell should be Esther Powell (Mrs. Alex. Crowe.)

On page 740, Sir Francis Drake should be the first BRITISH circumnavigator of the globe. Magellan was the first.

# **HISTORICAL SKETCH OF MT. UNION, SHIRLEY TOWNSHIP AND SHIRLEYSBURG.**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Mount Union probably found her name back centuries ago, when some geologic interference caused the waters of the Juniata river to intercept the mountain range, known to-day as Jack's, and to roll onward toward the great, broad sea, uninterrupted and unharmed. It was then, perhaps aeons in the past, maybe when yet the Earth was without shape and void, that the narrow gorge, known as Jack's Narrows was formed and a sublime and magnificent picture was made. Beyond the recollections of man, geologic forces were engaged in the process of making these hills and valleys. A Divine Artist was painting pictures, to diffuse their splendors upon the retina of the eye of man as long as the world stands. But centuries have passed. The Aborigines have come and gone. The war-whoop of the Indian, who once roamed these forests and crossed these streams, has died out, like the grim and adventurous warrior himself. The smoke curls upward from the wigwam no more. The Indian who wielded the battle-axe and paddled the canoe has gone to his "hap-

py hunting ground" long since. The canal boat, a great boon to transportation in its day, has given up to an age of genius and invention. The stage-coach rumbles no more over the stony highways of these mountains. A primitive forest has been converted into a thriving town, with a brilliant future before it. Nor did anyone know in the beginning days of this country that at the eastern extremity of what is now Jack's Narrows a town would some day be located. Nature named us in antiquity, but she kept the secret all to herself until one day, long passed, the revelation was made to Col. William Pollock, one of the pioneer residents of this beautiful territory, when he gave us the name "Mount Union"—named because of the union of mountains, cut in twain by the historic Juniata River.

#### **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

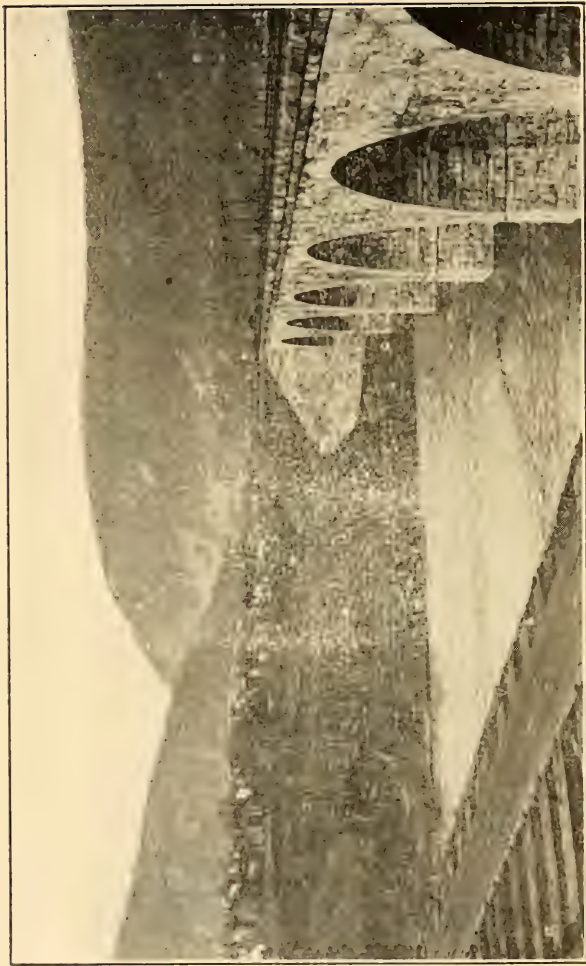
Before proceeding with a historical sketch of Mount Union, it might be well to note briefly some of the primitive history, leading up to the later days of the eighteenth century, at which time this State and in particular, this territory here in the region of Huntingdon county, was developing.

William Penn, the founder of Penn's Woods, or Pennsylvania, had been one of the three trustees chosen to manage the affairs of West Jersey, hence he had an opportunity to become familiar with the adjacent territory, now Pennsylvania. At the death



of Penn's father, Admiral William Penn, the British Government was indebted to the son to the amount of nearly 16,000 pounds, for valuable services rendered as well as money loaned by his father during his life-time. For this amount, Penn agreed to take a grant of land in America, and it was on March 4, 1681, that Charles II of England granted to him a charter which gave the founder of Pennsylvania a valuable tract of land bordering on the Delaware River, and comprising about 45,000 square miles. Penn landed here in 1682 and began to make settlements. He had not been in the new land very long until an assembly was called of the freeholders and others, and methods of government considered. Philadelphia was thus founded in 1683, and from that date, civilization pushed westward toward and across the mountains.

In the early days of this State, there were only three counties, namely, Chester, Philadelphia and Bucks. Lancaster, the fourth county, was laid out May 10, 1729. This was a very important section of land, as were the other counties at that day. Cumberland county was later laid out Jan. 27, 1750, and it took from Lancaster, all lands in the Province lying west of the Susquehanna, and northward and westward of the county of York. This included what is now Huntingdon county. Cumberland was the sixth county of the State. It was on March 9, 1771, that Bedford



**Jack's Mountain, Mount Union, the Blue Juniata, and the New Stone Arch Bridge**

county was formed from Cumberland. This division then put us of this immediate territory in Bedford county, and we remained a part of Bedford until Sept. 20, 1787, at which date Huntingdon county was formed, Bedford being divided.

### THE ORIGINAL SETTLERS

The original settlers in the Juniata Valley, so far as we know, were the Indians, comprising the Monseys and Conoys of the Lenape Nation, Nanticookes of the same original stock, Shawnees and Tuscaroras. It seems also that some Mingoos of the Iroquois tribe, made their homes for some time in the Kishacoquillas Valley. These Indians claimed the land, but little did they till it, for at that time most of this territory was forest covered with tall oaks and pines. The Indians used this section, together with other vast areas of land in America, for roaming over and for hunting. As this State developed, white settlers came this way from the East and from Europe and found homes in the Eastern part of "Penn's Woods." The development westward was gradual, for the Indian had to be driven back to and across the Alleghenies, rather, some conciliation had to be made with them for the land to which they claimed a just right. One of the early settlers then in the region of the Juniata Valley, was John Harris, father of the founder of Harrisburg, who came over earlier than 1726, and established an extensive trading business with the

Redmen. Conrad Weiser, of German extraction, who came to this country in 1714, acted as interpreter and thus became a great force in the negotiation of business matters between the Indians and the Whites. The White men treated the poor Indians shamefully in many respects, and often provoked them to atrocious deeds. Despite the land difficulties existing between the braves and the early white settlers, satisfaction was at last guaranteed about July, 1754, when the Indian Title was purchased and the lands of Huntingdon and adjoining counties were thrown open to settlers.

#### PIONEERS IN HUNTINGDON COUNTY

The earliest White settlers in what is now known specifically as Huntingdon county, must have come from beyond the Tuscarora Mountains, perhaps many of them from the region of Cumberland county, and these people first settled in and near to Burnt Cabins. This quaint old town, in what is now Fulton county, is historically famous because it was there that the old cabins were burned about the year, 1750. The region of what is now the Dublin Townships, was probably the first to be inhabited by this influx of settlers. Gradually the pioneers pressed their way westward and from that region they began to settle in the southern or lower part of the county, extending finally to the Valley of the Aughwick, in the latter part of the eighteenth century.



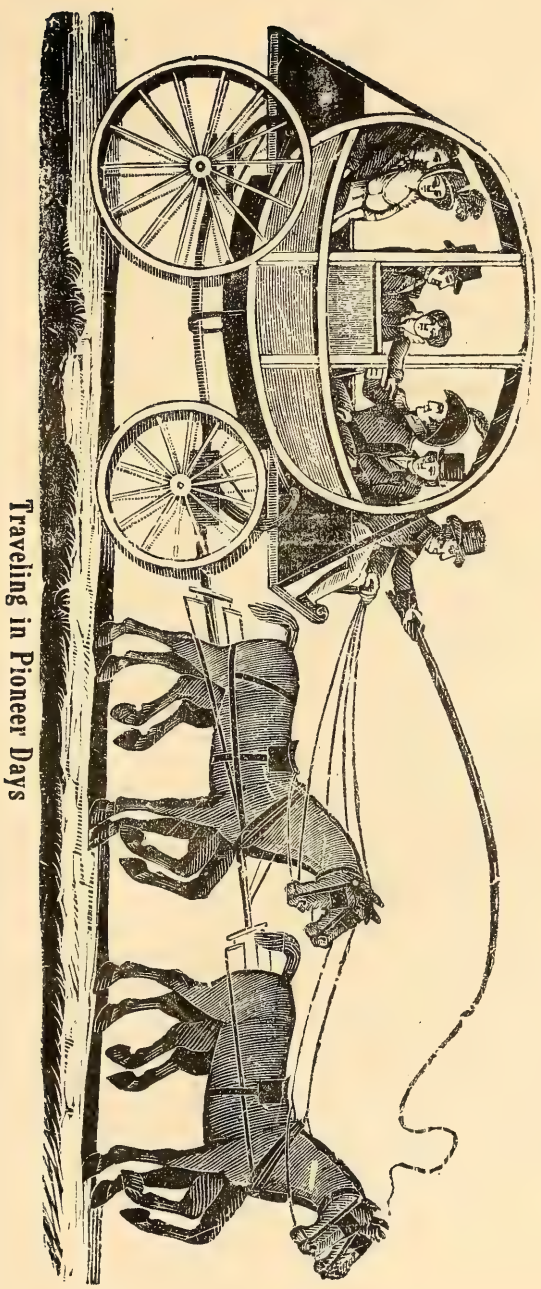


**Jack's Narrows, Where the River cuts the Mountain in Twain. The P. R. R.**

Fort Shirley, where Shirleysburg is now located, named after General William Shirley, was a very important point. This Fort was probably erected about 1755, during the time of the French and Indian War. George Croghan made this his abode for some time, and the little band of soldiers who defended this stronghold were among the first to take up their abodes and become settlers in the Aughwick Valley.

#### GEORGE CROGHAN

George Croghan, an Irishman by birth and an Indian trader, was a very conspicuous character in the early days of the settlement of the Aughwick Valley. He had previously been a resident of Cumberland county, where he had extensive land interests, (about 1748). A little later he came to this side of the Tuscarora Mountain, into the territory drained by the Aughwick Creek, and settled near what is now known as Shirleysburg, where he owned land. Croghan named this section, "Aucquick," or "Old Town." His lands, owned in and around what is now Shirleysburg, later went into the hands of James Folay (1773) and still later, into the hands of Paul Warner of Maryland (1776). Croghan was a remarkable man and was a great friend of the Indians. He owned considerable land in the Aughwick, also claimed title to the Standing Stone tract, where Huntingdon is now located. It was through his liberality, and because of the extensive losses of the French, that he later became



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financially embarrassed. Washington Irving, in his celebrated "Life of Washington" mentions this territory along the Aughwick, also Fort Shirley, now Shirleysburg. He also mentions George Croghan and his work among the Indians. It is probable that Croghan left the Aughwick Valley about 1756, never returning; but he still claimed the land however, after his departure.

#### JACK ARMSTRONG

One of the pioneers of this section, a man who roamed throughout Jack's Narrows, and over Jack's Mountain was John or Jack Armstrong. He was a brave man, fleet as an antelope, tall as a giant and as strong as a lion. As early as 1750 he had his little cabin in the Narrows above Mount Union. There his wife and two children lived, and together they dwelt in happiness and peace. Armstrong was a white, but he was truly king of the forest. One day in 1752, Captain Jack jumped into his canoe, and started off upon the waters of the "Blue Juniata." When he returned, he found that his family had been murdered by the brutal Indians, and his cabin was in ruins. He kissed the cold lips he loved, then carried the bodies away and buried them in one grave. But he did more, he vowed that he would avenge the deed, and all the rest of his life, with an eye like an eagle's and an aim as sure as William Tell's, he killed every Red-man who came his way. Captain Jack, it seems, had the contract of putting a road through the Narrows,



assisted by several other men. He was murdered, history tells us, by the Indians, and his body was laid to rest in an unknown grave, at the base of the mountain which bears his name. He has no man-made tombstone, but the mountain, towering in sublimity, stands as an enduring monument to his memory, and the silent stars keep watch, like sentinels, over his lonely grave.

NOTE:--There is some question as to who Captain Jack really was. Some believe Jack Armstrong was not Capt. Jack, but an Indian trader. Others associate Capt. Jack with Jack Culberson. We have been given the opinions of Dr. M. G. Brumbaugh, and M. S. Lytle, Esq., respectively, and they too are unable to answer the questions definitely, because of the lack of authority and the inaccuracy of traditional information. Hon. Simpson Africa in his history states that John or Jack Armstrong was murdered in the Narrows, about 1744. In the above, we have followed Dr. Brumbaugh, in his "Stories of Pennsylvania." Just who Capt. Jack really was, will probably never be known.

### MISCELLANEOUS HISTORY

Another man of note in the early days of Pennsylvania was Richard Peters, commissioned as Provincial Secretary, Nov. 24, 1748. Peters was associated with Conrad Weiser in his frequent negotiations with the Indians. He later came into possession of the territory round about Hollidaysburg.

The Indian name for Juniata River was the "Scokooniady River."

Hugh Crawford was the first white owner of the land where Huntingdon now stands, known as the Standing Stone Tract. Crawford received the land from George Croghan.



Mount Union - Looking Toward the West

## SHIRLEY TOWNSHIP—PAST AND PRESENT

Mount Union being situated in Shirley Township, and Shirley being one of the first townships to be named in Huntingdon county, it is necessary that in a sketch of the town's history we touch briefly upon the history of the township as well. The township, like the town of Shirleysburg, was named after General William Shirley, a noted general of early days, and together, they perpetuate the esteem and honor shown toward such a valiant man. Shirley township, then, besides Mount Union, includes Aughwick Valley, Germany Valley, part of Blacklog Valley, Hill Valley and Gilboa—this various territory is all situated adjoining or near to Mount Union.

The region of the Aughwick, including also what is now known as Germany Valley, was settled many years before Mount Union. After the restoration of tranquillity, which followed the interferences between the Indians and the Whites, there was an influx of population into this forest land. What is now Germany Valley takes its name from the Teutonic pioneers, who having left their "Vaterland," sought homes in this rich and arable territory. Joseph Long was the first white settler in Germany Valley. He took up land in what was formerly the land of John X. Lutz, Geo. P. Wakefield, Abram Lutz, Geo. Swine, R. M. Wakefield and Benjamin Garver's heirs. When Mr. Long

went into the valley there was no road, not even a foot-path. He marked the trees as he went in and followed these marked trees until some roadway was established to and from his humble cabin. Another pioneer was Martin Etnire, who located there as early as 1780.

Among other early settlers in the township were: Revs. Christian Long and Peter Long, (Dunkard preachers), John Donohoe, David and Abram Long, Sr., the Baker, King and Galbraith families. Col. William Alexander was also a prominent resident of the township and a Revolutionary soldier.

Following these we have Jacob Lutz, Andrew and Jacob Spanogle, Jonas Umbenhour, Geo. Eby and Oliver Etnier, who are also classed among the early settlers.

Among other early settlers in the township were: the Boyers, Bingham and McAllisters in Love Valley, adjoining Germany Valley to the south. In Hill Valley were the Arthur and Bowker tracts. The Ripple and the Lewis Smawley tracts were located around Aughwick Mills. Lying between Shirleysburg and Orbisonia was the T. T. Cromwell tract. What is now Shirleysburg Borough, was formerly the Warner tract. Lands near Shirleysburg, were years ago owned and tilled by Messrs. Sharar, Lutz and Carothers.

Going back forty years or more, and to be more specific, for the benefit of our readers who have formerly resided in the township, but who

have since taken up homes far away we will give a later as well as a present history of the inhabitants and their respective dwelling places.

Beginning at the Mifflin county line and going southward through Germany Valley to Cromwell township, what were formerly the James Bard home, the Samuel H. Bell, Oliver Et-nier and David G. Welch farms, also the old Edward Furnace or J. Lowry Johnston farm, are now owned and operated by L. D. Gifford and wife; they residing upon the Bell homestead. The Joshua Bard property is still occupied by Mr. Bard, he having reached a ripe old age. The Samuel Rorer farm, later that of Isaac Rorer, is now owned by Chas. Fetterhoff. The Adam Crouse property is now owned and occupied by Albert Wakefield. The Daniel Brandt tract, formerly the John Garver farm, is now owned by John H. Pyles and son. The Jacob Spanogle and John E. Garver farms are now in possession of S. K. McKeehan and sons. The Thos. Smelker farm is now owned by Milton Shields. The Joseph Miller farm is owned by Asaph Price, and the John X. Lutz homestead farm is owned and occupied by Mrs. Matilda Bard. The Johnstown Ridge farm, formerly belonging to John X. Lutz, is now owned and occupied by Edward Price. Richard Hall still lives on the old farm, he having reached a ripe old age. The Latimer Snyder property is yet occupied by Mr. Snyder's widow; William and



George Snyder, the sons, have built homes for themselves and reside near their mother. The John Basore property is now owned by Richard Hall, the buildings having been removed years ago. The Benj. Garver farm, later that of William Adams, is now owned and occupied by Joseph A. Brandt. The R. M. Wakefield farm now belongs to W. A. Walker, while the Geo. P. Wakefield farm, later that of Dr. G. W. Thompson, (deceased) of Mount Union, is now in possession of the E. O. Rogers' heirs, and is farmed by J. Al. Rogers. The old Wakefield Chapel, (Methodist) was erected about 1870, on ground donated by Geo. P. Wakefield, and services have been held therein since that date, it being a part of the Shibleysburg charge. The properties of James Huntsman and Allen B. Stutor, erected near the church, are now owned and occupied by Eli Wakefield and Chas. Eberly, respectively. The Mrs. R. M. Wakefield farm now belongs to George Swayne, Jr. The Abram Lutz farm is now owned by Newton Nelson. The David Umbenhour home, still possessed by his daughter, Mrs. Samuel McKeehan, is occupied by Al. Price. The Andrew Spanogle homestead farm, later that of Wm. B. Leas, now belongs to Samuel Goshorn, and is occupied by C. W. Morrow. The Joseph Kough property is also owned by Samuel Goshorn. The old Dunkard Stone church in Germany Valley, erected in 1838, is still standing and is in good state of pres-

ervation, services being held there most every Sunday. Adjoining it is the Germany Valley cemetery, consisting of almost four acres of ground, surrounded by a neat and substantial iron fence, being one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the county; therein many of the early settlers in the valley are buried.

Going further: The Henry Hertzler woolen mill property is now owned by Geo. Cogley. The M. H. Kyper farm, now owned by A. S. Welch, is occupied by H. W. Kyper. The John and Geo. W. Swayne farms are now owned by W. T. Sheaffer. The Peter Swayne tannery property belongs to Lewis C. Bolinger; the farm to David Gumbert. D. B. Swayne and Miss Kate Swayne, still own their respective farms, the former being occupied by David C. Kurtz and the latter by his son, Luden Kurtz. The David McGarvey homestead farm, now Samuel McGarvey's, is occupied by D. I. Fink. The Geo. W. Whittaker property is now owned by A. J. Whittaker; the Geo. W. Cornelius property is now owned by M. T. Whittaker. The Daniel Berkstresser farm is now Wm. Berkstresser's; the Adam Heffner flouring mill property now belongs to J. Harry Myers; the William McGarvey farm, later that of David McGarvey, is now owned and occupied by Edward A. McGarvey.

In Love Valley, the Andrew Spanogle farm, forty years ago occupied by John Stubbs, is now owned by W. A. Walker; the Andrew Spanogle

farm, then occupied by Stephen Elliott, is now divided and is owned by Harry W. Kyper and George Henry, respectively. The David Boyer farm is now owned by Dallas G. Boyer. The Robert Bingham farm is now owned by Lottis Metz; the John McAllister farm now belongs to William Mills; the William Mills farm then, now belongs to Patrick Duffey.

On the western side of Sandy Ridge we have: The Rev. Alexander farm now owned by W. A. Walker; the Samuel R. Douglass farm (divided) now owned by Samuel H. Miller, John Douglass and Samuel Starr, respectively; the Thos. Ashman farm now owned by John C. Ashman and occupied by Chas. Smith; the David Douglass farm now belonging to the Oliver Colgate heirs; the W. A. Fraker's fruit orchard, is now the site of W. A. Walker's residence, and more extensive fruit growing interests.

Coming nearer to Shirleysburg—the former John Jacobs farm now belongs to J. H. Lightner; the John C. Lotz and Lafayette Ricketts farm now belong to Daniel S. Brandt; the County Home farm is now in charge of W. W. Wilson, (Steward); the Nelson Barton farm is still owned by the aged widow, who, with her son, B. C. Barton, resides thereon.

In Aughwick Valley, the Jesse Peterson farm is now owned by David P. Enyeart; the John Enyeart farm is now John L. Enyeart's; the Enoch Lutz farm is now owned by B. F. Garver; the Joseph Rhodes farm now

belongs to M. W. Isenberg; the Richard Sharrar farm, (divided), now belongs to Mrs. Martha Stewart and Geo. M. Withington; the old log grist mill property, formerly owned by Chas. B. Baird, is now owned and occupied by Harry Yengst, the mill being destroyed by fire about twenty years ago; the James McKinstry farm now owned by Elliott McKinstry, is occupied by H. W. Youngman. The Fred Harmony farm is now M. W. Isenberg's; the Oliver Etnier farm is now John S. Etnier's; the Capt. James Galbraith farm, later John H. Miller's, (divided), is now owned by W. F. McGarvey and J. M. Leonard; the Jacob Ripple farm is now that of Howard Ripple; the Rev. John Glock farm, now belongs to the Standard Oil Co., and a large pumping station is erected thereon, drawing crude oil from South Fork on the western slope of the Alleghenies and forcing it eastward over the mountains to Duncan, the next oil station a distance of 75 miles.

The John B. Foster farm now belongs to John E. Pecht. The Geo. Eby or David Bowman farm together with Jacob Eby's residence, now belongs to Samuel Goshorn, and is occupied by D. S. Bard and David Rorer. The John Lukens property is now owned and occupied by William Latherow. The Swine & Rummell brick mill property, now owned by Daniel Rummell, is inhabited by Jas. Pecht—the old brick mill itself is rapidly going to decay. The Samuel Harvey

farm, now that of Samuel Harvey's heirs, is occupied by John Cumming. The John Maffit, Sr., (later John, Jr.,) property, (divided), is now owned and occupied by John Young and J. F. Purcell. The Charles Overdeer farm, later owned by Geo. Foreman, and still later by W. E. Kough, is now owned by Lloyd Bare, and occupied by Matthew Secrest; the James Pattison plot was purchased off this farm about 25 years ago. The J. L. Houck farm is now Mrs. Wm. Hudson's; the William Young farm is now Chas. Vanhoozier's; the Geo. Clemen's homestead farm now belongs to Daniel A. Reck; the Hugh King property now belongs to David P. Crone; the other Geo. Clemens farm now belongs to Moses Everett; the farm of Peter Copenhaver now belongs to O. S. Copenhaver; the C. M. Buckley farm now belongs to E. W. Burge; the John Morrison farm now belongs to T. O. Harper; the John Reck farm, (divided) now belongs to W. A. Vawn and Daniel Reck; the J. K. Peterson property now belongs to Chas. T. Steele.

Coming closer to Mount Union, we have the former John Price and Peggy McClain farms, now owned by John A. and William Swope. The Mount Nebo church, erected about fifty years ago, has recently been repaired and is now in good condition, and services therein are well attended. The former William Morrison farm is now owned by John Bush; the Thomas Huling farm is now owned by Henry McGarvey, occupied by



Theodore Morgan; the George Speer, later Jerry Crowley farm, now belongs to Samuel Goshorn, he residing thereon; the William Hildebrand farm is now that of Jacob Edgin; the Jacob Copenhaver property later Benj. F. Davis, is now owned and occupied by Miss Mattie Davis and mother; the Smawley farm, later that of Isaac Rorer, is now owned by John P. Shelds; the Michael Youtzey farm is now owned by M. K. Shields; the Dr. W. P. McNite farm, at the mouth of the Aughwick creek, (divided) is now owned by H. B. Etner and T. H. Adams, the latter being occupied by William Pecht; the Isaac Smith farm, known by teamsters forty years ago, as the Jones Hill farm, now belongs to Jacob Lohr; the James Barnes farm is still owned and occupied by the aged Mr. Barnes; the Henry Shaver farm, now divided, is owned by the Juniata Oak Extract Company, James Barnes and Cyrus Copenhaver, respectively; the Geo. P. Miller farm is now owned by A. S. Welch, a portion of which is today the village of Allenport; the Peter R. Shaver farm now belongs to Lloyd S. Bare.

Going southward through Hill Valley from Mount Union, we have the David Hancock property adjoining the Borough line which is now owned by A. S. Welch. The Eliza Smawley farm is now owned by Alexander Maxwell, part of which is now Jefferson Heights, the new addition to Mount Union Borough, which was sold in

lots a few years ago, and at the present time is partly built up. The Brice Shaver farm, forty years ago, is now owned by John Roberts. The Hill Valley Peter Shaver farm, (divided) is now owned by William J. Welch and J. Newton McClain, respectively. The Louis Proxmire property is now owned by Miss Carrie Proxmire. The John Booher farm is now owned by Ambrose Booher. The Isaac Swope farm is now owned by John A., and William Swope. The Peter Snyder farm later John C. Snyder, is now owned by Mr. Snyder's heirs. The Simon Snyder farm is now owned by John S. Harencame. The Hezekiah Ricketts farm, later that of Emmanuel Harencame is now owned by Howard Harencame. The John Harencame, Sr., homestead farm is now owned by M. F. Swope. The William Wogan farm is now owned by Samuel A. Norris. The Henry Dell farm is now owned by M. W. Swope; a part of the Henry Dell farm is now owned by Miles Dell. The Christian Rhodes farm is now owned by John Haffly. The William Long farm is now owned by Peter Hammand's heirs. The Henry Querry farm is now owned by David Long. The James Palmer property is now owned by M. F. Swope. The David Secrest property now belongs to Daniel Hockenberry; the Solomon Hancock property now belongs to Dyson Hancock; the Daniel Beck farm now belongs to Geo. F. Shaffer; the H. E. Hooper property, formerly a part of the Wil-

ham Long farm, is now occupied by Mr. Hooper and wife; the John McCanaughy farm is now owned by, Jesse Banks.

The David Long then is now owned by Benjamin Hammand; the David Shaffer farm is now owned by Martin Hammand, and occupied by Wm. Gilbert; the Peter M. Fare property is now owned by Samuel T. Baird; the H. S. Smelker store property is now owned by A. J. Miller; the Rev. John Spanogle home property is now owned by Mrs. William P. Myers; the Rev. James R. Lane farm is now owned by John Shue; the Sugar Run Dunkard Church and the Singers Gap Methodist Church, the former erected about forty years ago, and the latter about twenty-five years ago, are both brick structures, well preserved, and their congregations are flourishing; the Henry Rhodes saw mill property, following Sugar Run through the Narrows, adjoining the Cromwell Township line into Gilboa, is now owned by Daniel Booher; the saw-mill has gone to decay; the Samuel Isenberg farm is now owned by D. N. Palmer; the James McConaughy property is now owned and occupied by the aged widow of McConaughy; the old Brewster tannery property, once famous for the manufacture of leather, has long since gone to decay, and during the past forty years has several times changed hands. It is now owned and occupied by Harry Leng.

The Paul Walker farm is now owned

by Abram Grove; the Britton Collins farm is now owned by Matthew Collins' heirs; Isaac Crone, one of the staunch residents of Gilboa, still resides where he did nearly forty years ago; the David Hoover property is now owned by Philip Taylor; the Richard Colgate farm is now owned by his son William, residing in Missouri and occupied by Dayton Bolinger; the Abram Funk farm is now owned by J. A. Rorer; the Samuel Grove homestead farm is now owned by David C. Grove; the William Clark farm is now owned by Jackson L. Grove, and occupied by Howard Grove; the Samuel McCalep's property is now owned and occupied by David Mansbarger; the Samuel Beatty property is now owned and occupied by Francis Beatty; the Christian Myers farm is now owned by Jacob Leib; the Betsy Irvin farm is now owned by Chas. Beatty; the Rinehart farm is now owned by Joseph and Harry Reck; the Geo. W. Beatty farm is still owned and occupied by Mr. Beatty; the Jane Beatty farm is now owned by Howard Ripple; the Samuel Sharer farm is now owned by the Sharer heirs.

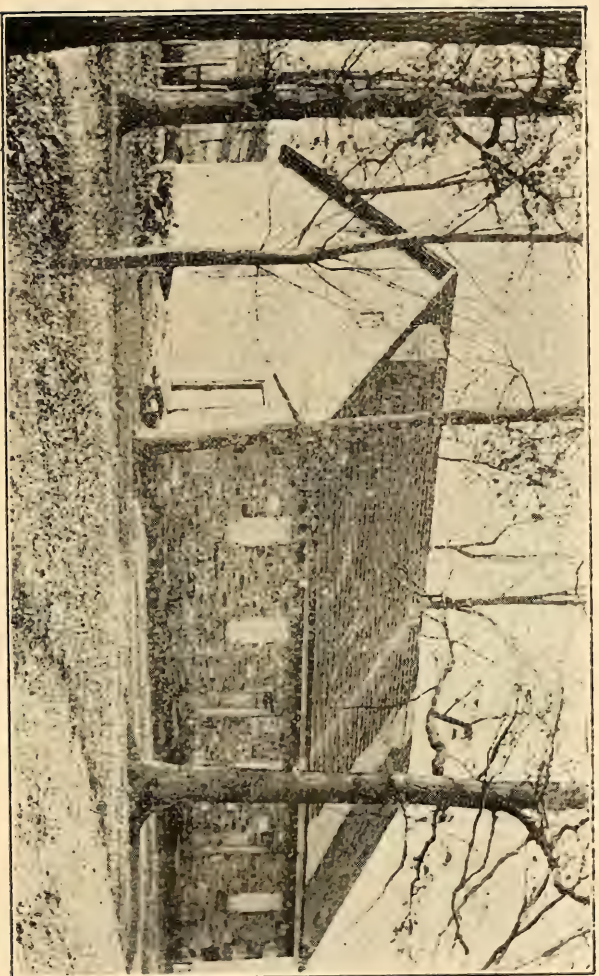
The Henry Snyder property is now owned by Mr. Snyder's widow. The Daniel Bolinger properties are now owned and occupied by Isaac Gilbert and Stansberry Heller, respectively. The Bryson Ramsey property is now owned by John Stitt. Others now residing along the road leading to Mount Union, on what is now known

as Ridge Avenue, men who have built homes for themselves, during the past few years are: Samuel Parson, Joseph Pyles, Cyrus Copenhaver, James Zeigler, W. J. Pennington, W. R. Sneath, Anthony Hess, Samuel P. Jones, Benjamin F. Miller, Jesse Hill, Levi Reck, R. J. Culberson, Eli Vawn, David Flood and Benjamin J. Culberson.

Coming through Black Log Valley, beginning at the Juniata county line and proceeding southward to the Cromwell township line, we have first the Jonathan Gifford farm, a part of which extends over, into Juniata county, now owned by Frank Oppel. The Vaughan Farm, for the last forty years, has been owned by Thomas Vaughan. The Andrew Parson farm is now owned by L. G. Parson. The Jos. R. Parson farm is now owned by his aged widow and heirs. The David Gilliland farm, later that of Elliott Gilliland is now owned by William Hartman. The Peter Hartman farm is now owned by Mrs. Elmira Lauver. The Edward Zerner farm is now owned by William Barkley. The Robert Gifford and the James Barkley farms are now both owned by Elwood McMath. The John Gifford farm now belongs to Joseph Crownover. The Jerre Shope farm and the Daniel Crownover mill property are now owned by Wm. E. Shope. The Jacob Bolinger farm, now divided, belongs to Philip Bolinger and Joseph Crownover, respectively. The Benjamin Gifford farm, later that of



Betsy Ross is now owned by Joseph Crownover. The Peter Hartman farm, later that of Henry Hartman, is now owned by Orville Schmittle. The Augustus Shields property, adjoining, later that of John P. Shields, is now also owned by Orville Schmittle. The John Shope farm, known as the upper farm, now belongs to Wm. H. Shope. The John Shope homestead farm, bought from Peter Etnier in 1851, is now owned by Wm. Smith. The Peter Miller farm, later that of Peter Miller, Jr., is now owned by Wm. H. Shope. The Joseph Matthews farm now belongs to Jacob R. Hegie. The Wm. Morgan farm is now owned by the aged widow and children. The Valley Point farm, formerly owned by Jacob R. Hegie, now belongs to Gracy Erwin, with the exception of some plots sold to various persons for building purposes in the little village. The Samuel Shope property, formerly purchased from a part of the William Morgan farm, now belongs to Thomas Campbell. The Hans Campbell farm, the birthplace of our townsman, Dr. W. J. Campbell, is now owned by Henry Morgan. The Adam Laird farm, later that of Chas. Laird, is still in the hands of the Laird Connection. The James Morgan farm, adjoining Cromwell township, is now owned by Mrs. Chas. L. McMath.



**The Germany Valley Dunkard Church**

### THE EARLY DUNKARD CHURCH

What is known as the Aughwick Church of the Brethren, or Dunkard, was organized about 1802. The flock at first was small, numbering about six. These pioneer worshippers were faithful and devout, and as a rule were strict in the performance of their religious obligations. Prior to the day of churches they worshipped out under the trees and in barns, or in any convenient place where the Gospel might be preached. The first members of the church were: Christian Long and wife, Daniel Sechrist and wife and Peter Sechrist and wife. Christian Long was chosen as the first minister and Daniel Sechrist was chosen deacon. These people spoke German, being unfamiliar with English, hence for awhile progress was slow. Later Jacob Lutz was chosen as the minister, and he being able to speak English fluently, a little more progress was made thereafter, and about 1825 or 1826 the number reached about 25. Peter Long was chosen as minister about this time. The church developed and among the preachers to follow were: Andrew Spanogle and John King (1827); Michael Bollinger (1835); Graybill Myers and Christian Long, Jr., (1839); John G. Glock (1842) and John Spanogle (1844). Mr. Glock was born on April 1, 1807, in Hoeneck, Warttemberg, Germany. He came to America about 1832.

The old stone Dunkard church in

Germany Valley was built, according to traditional information received, in 1838. It stands today well preserved and therein services are regularly held. The old pioneer members and preachers have gone to their reward long since, but the work goes on by others who rise up and follow in their steps.

Among some of the later ministers of the Dunkard denomination were: Abraham Funk (1847); Enoch Eby (1850); George Myers (1853); James Lane (1858); Peter Swayne (1861); Isaac Book and John E. Garver (1869); Robert M. Wakefield (1872); Seth Myers (1874); William Spanogle (1877).

Among the above number John E. Garver now resides at Cochranville, Chester County, and R. M. Wakefield lives principally with his daughter, Mrs. Thos. Black near Newton Hamilton. Among the present ministers of the Dunkard Church in the township are: Rev. Samuel Norris and Rev. George Swayne, Jr.

The Hill Valley Dunkard Church was erected in 1873.



### SHIRLEY TOWNSHIP'S OLDEST RESIDENTS

Following are the names of some of the oldest residents of Shirley Township, accompanied by a brief biographical sketch. Among these men there were some who came in to this township in the very early days and who were instrumental in the clearing of the land and in the delineation of the public highways. The oldest man in the township is,

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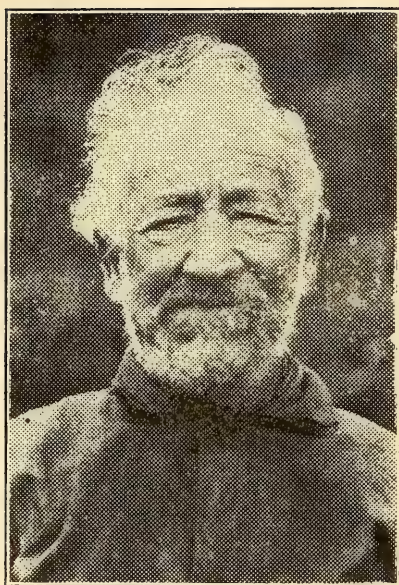
*Coming to America in Early Days*

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RICHARD HALL, SR., who was born in Hill Valley on March 5, 1818. Mr. Hall spent his boyhood days in that part of the township and when yet 12 years old he came into Ger-



many Valley and there entered the employ of Jacob Spanogle, the great grandfather of the writer. Mr. Hall remained with Mr. Spanogle for about 8 years. He married Miss Mary Wilson of near Shade Gap in 1849 and took up residence at the old woolen mill in Germany Valley. In 1852 he moved to the farm, having purchased that tract upon which he now resides, situated along the eastern side of Johnstown Ridge. There Mr. Hall cleared the land and became instrumental also in laying out some of the public highways through the valley. He is now 91 years of age, and though feeble, is still rational and carries on conversation with interest and exactness. His wife died on March 6, 1863. His children are: William H., of Shirley Township; Thos. H. Hall (deceased), formerly of Illinois; Rachel Jane (deceased); Margaret Bell Craig, formerly of Bolivar, Pa.; John W. of Galesburg, Ill.; Richard C., Jr. of near McVeytown; J. Elliott of Brockwayville, Pa.; Rhoda Ann (deceased) wife of I. W. Nearhood; Mary Elizabeth, who died in infancy. Mrs. Nearhood, prior to her death lived on the old homestead with her father. Now, Mr. Hall and Mr. Nearhood are living alone.



**RICHARD HALL**

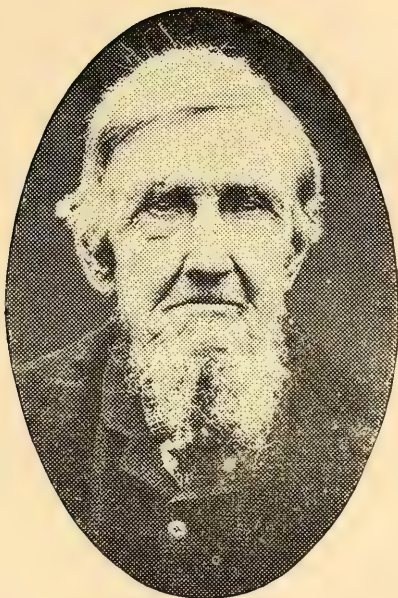


JOHN RECK, the second oldest man in this township, was born in Adams County, Pa., Oct. 18, 1818. Mr. Reck now resides with his daughter, Mrs. Jno. Maffet of Mount Union. He spent his early days in Adams County and came to Aughwick Valley in the spring of 1869. Mr. Reck married a Miss Blocher. His children are as follows: Sarah, Mrs. Jacob Lohr of near town; Joseph of Gilboa; James (deceased); Mary, Mrs. Jacob Miller of Shirleysburg; John of Philadelphia; D. A. Reck of Aughwick Mills; Catharine, Mrs. John Maffet of Mount Union; Jerry (deceased); Levi near

Mount Union. Mr. Reck purchased his Aughwick farm from John Alexander, who previously purchased from the Shavers'. He was a shoemaker by trade and when not engaged at his trade, he was a farmer. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

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JOSHUA BARD, son of Samuel Bard, was born in Blacklog Valley about 5 miles from Orbisonia, Sept. 15, 1825. Early in life he migrated to Fulton County. In 1861 he came to Shirley Township, residing near the old Edward Furnace, along the road leading from Otelia to Blacklog Valley. Mr. Bard married Miss Rebecca James, and unto them were born 11 children, as follows: Mary, Mrs. John Lewis, of Elgin, Ore.; Ada, Mrs. John Davis, of Barree, Pa.; Miles of Rockhill; Barbara, Mrs. John Shields, of near Otelia; Margaret at home; Alfred (deceased), Belle, Mrs. Thos. McKinstry, of Ryde, Mifflin County; Martha, Mrs. J. O. Kenyon, of Huntingdon; Ella, Mrs. James Matthews, of Altoona; Lizzie (deceased); Alice, Mrs. John Lathew of Wilmerding, Pa. Mr. Bard has been a hard working man all his life. He was a stone mason by trade. He has resided on the present place since 1862. He was a soldier, a member of Company F, 19th Penna. Cavalry. During the war he passed through Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Louisiana. He has



been a devoted Christian for many years, a member of the Methodist Church. His faithful companion died less than two years ago.

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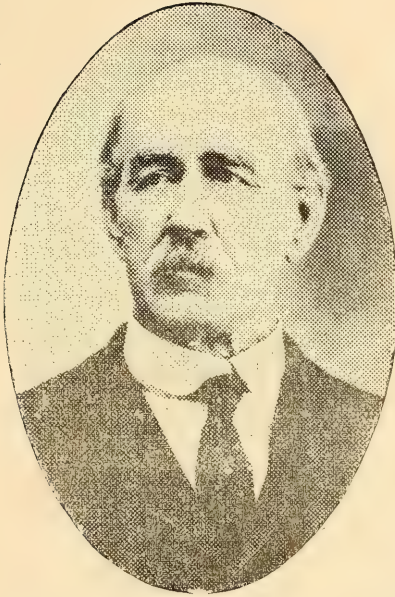
PHILIP BOLINGER is another aged resident of Blacklog Valley, born Jan. 19, 1842, in Tell township. When 8 years old he moved with his parents into Blacklog Valley. He has always been interested in farming and lumbering. He was a soldier of the late war, a member of Co. K, 202nd Regiment, Penna. Volunteers. Mr. Bolinger was married to a Miss Gilliland. He is the father of three children: Frank and Oscar and one daughter, Mrs. Frank Oppel.



JAMES BARNES was born in Tyne County, Ireland, June 24, 1826. Mr. Barnes after marrying Miss Frances Hamilton, a native also of the "Emerald Isle," sailed for America in 1847. Two years of their life were spent in Philadelphia. Then they came to Newton Hamilton, where they resided for some time. Mr. Barnes and his family have since lived in and near to Mount Union. At the present time he resides with his children about a mile and a half from town on the farm purchased a number of years ago. His children are as follows: Tillie, Maggie, Fanny, Robert, John and Joseph. Mr. Barnes built and owns the house now occupied by T. N. Kurtz on Shirley street. It was here that he and his family resided for a few years. Mr. Barnes is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

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JACOB LOHR, located about 1½ miles from Mount Union along the road leading to Shirleysburg, has been in this township since 1867. Mr. Lohr is a native of York County, having been born April 7, 1837. Prior to coming into this section, he resided in Adams County, and it was there that he married Miss Sarah Reek. He is a farmer and of German extraction. His children are: Lilly, Mrs. Cyrus Copenhaver of Allenport and Mrs. Minnie Palmer of Mount Union.



DAVID LONG was born on the Fourth of July, 1831, in Cromwell township, (Upper Hill Valley), and has resided all his life in this valley. He has been a farmer and a lumber dealer in his years, a faithful member of the faith of John Wesley, and when the War broke out in the critical days of the sixties, he was one of the many who heard and responded to the call. Mr. Long was a Sergeant in Co. "I", 12th Penna., Reserves. When his time thus expired, he re-enlisted in Co. "G", 205 Reg., Penna., Volunteers. He was twice married, first to Rachel Shaver and the second time to Sarah Shaver.

daughter of John S. Shaver of Mount Union. To his first wife the children are: Mrs. Samuel Baird of Hill Valley; Charles of Atcona; Mrs. Penj. Hommon of Hill Valley; Ambrose of Swissvale, Mrs. Joel Isenberg of Blair county, and Mrs. Daniel Booher of Hill Valley. To the second wife the children are: Ray of Mapleton, Dorris, Olive, David and Russel, all of whom reside at home.

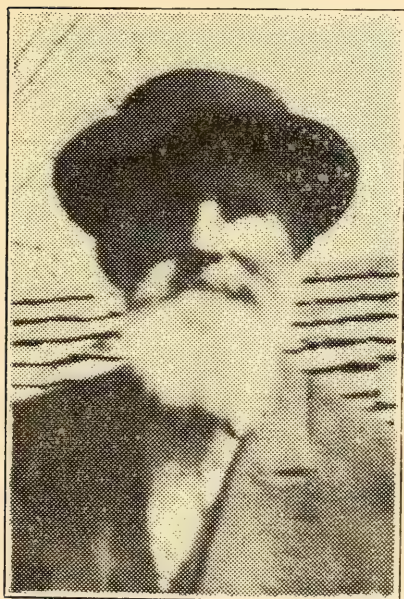
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ISAAC CRONE was born in Franklin County, Feb. 13, 1833. He has lived alone for many years in Gibca, about two miles from Shirleysburg. Mr. Crone came to Shirley Township in 1849, where he has resided ever

since. He was married in 1863 to Ann Eliza Taylor. His children are as follows: Mrs. David Hoover of Huntingdon; Mrs. Harry Decker of Braddock; Charles D. Crone of Allegheny. Mr Crone's wife died in 1894. He is a faithful member of the Methodist faith, and at the present time is sexton of the Singer's Gap Church. Mr. Crone has been a laborer all his life.

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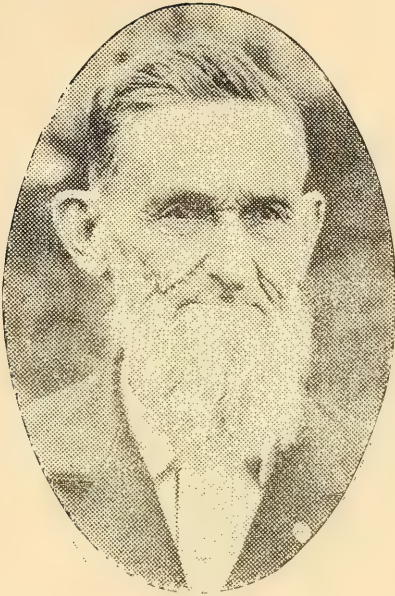
JEREMIAH SHOPE, though now residing with his daughter, Mrs. B. B. Miller, of Mount Union, was so long a resident of Shirley Township.

that we class him also among its oldest residents. He was born at Loysville, Perry County, Jan. 8, 1832. Early in life he came with his parents to Cromwell Township and there settled. In 1851 they migrated into Blacklog Valley, where his father purchased the Peter Etnier farm, later known as the John Shope homestead farm. After marriage, he purchased a farm in Blacklog Valley, where he resided until the death of his wife. Mr. Shope was a soldier, a member of the Bridge Corps. He married Miss Margaret Gilliland, and 6 children were born to this union, of whom 5 are living: Jonathan, cashier of the First National Bank at Hollidaysburg; Mrs. B. B. Miller of the "Kenmar," Mount Union; Mrs. Frank Miller, of near town; William E., cashier of the People's National Bank of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. B. M. Lohr of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Shope is a carpenter by trade.

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JOHN ROBERTS, who resides in Hill Valley just south of Mount Union, was born on the Old Hilsman Place in the upper end of this valley, March 7, 1836. Mr. Roberts has spent all his life in Hill Valley with the exception of his time in the war and one summer in Illinois. He has resided on several different farms, among them, the former Henry Dell farm now owned by M. W. Swope, the Samuel Norris farm, and what is now the E. M. Beers



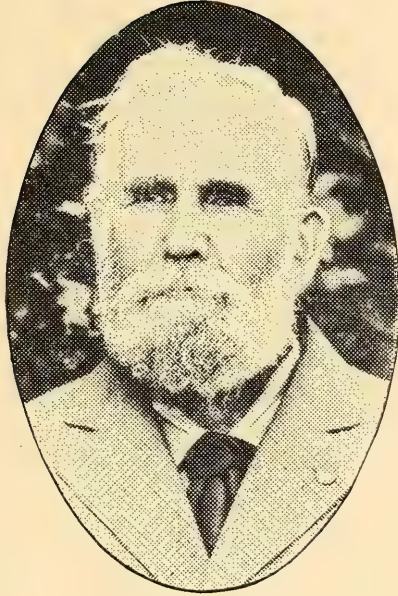


farm. He married Miss Jane E. Harencame in 1862. He was a member of Company H, 201st Pennsylvania Volunteers. His children are: Harry, Clarence and Frank, all of whom are married and reside in Mount Union. Mr. Roberts is a member of the Presbyterian Church.





ABRAHAM GROVE, a native of Woodcock Valley and long a resident of Gilboa, was born Dec. 29, 1836 near McConnellstown. Mr. Grove came with his parents when 6 years old into Cromwell Township. He has been a resident of Shirley Township for 36 years. He married Miss Catharine Hamman on Sept. 29, 1859. Their children are: Mrs. Wm. Sechrist and Mrs. George A. Long of Altoona; Mrs. J. M. Sechrist of Hill Valley; Mrs. Calvin Sechrist and Lloyd of Gilboa; three sons are dead. Mr. Grove is a member of the Reformed Church.



WILLIAM HUDSON was born Nov. 28, 1838, and now resides along the public road leading to Shirleysburg near Aughwick, on what was formerly the Doney Faust farm, later that of J. L. Houck. Mr. Hudson was born in Three Springs when that town was a mere village. He resided there until 1870. He was twice married, first to Sarah Spangler (1868), and the second time to Currence G. Swope of Trough Creek Valley, Sept. 17, 1879. Mr. Hudson was a defender of the flag in the sixties, having first enlisted in Company F, 125th Pennsylvania Infantry,

and being honorably discharged, re-enlisted in Battery B, 1st Penna., Light Artillery. Mr. Hudson's first wife died in 1878. He moved to the Aughwick Valley in 1885, and has resided there ever since. His children are: Mrs. Chas. Shively and Mrs. Elias Thorpe, both of Jeanette, Pa.; Chas. of Chicago, and Richard of Essex, Mont.; Paul and Eunice are at home. There are two daughters deceased. Mr. Hudson has been a farmer all his life. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

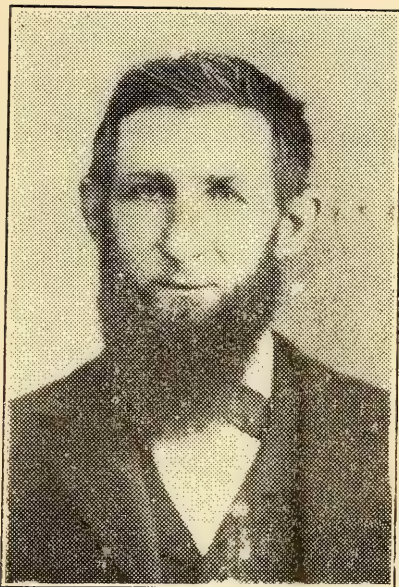
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ROBERT M. WAKEFIELD, was born Feb. 29, 1826, in Hill Valley, on what is now the Myers farm. At the age of four, his family moved to Brady township, about 8 miles from Mill Creek, and for twenty years they lived there. Mr. Wakefield was married to Miss Mary Swine, of Germany Valley, and in 1860 they located in the Valley, where he resided until recent years. His companion died Mar. 30, 1906, and since that time, he has been making his home with his children. Mr. Wakefield is a minister of the Dunkard Faith, having been elected to this high office in 1872. His children are: Eli, Albert, and Mrs. Chambers Morrow all in Germanv Valley; John of Lewistown; William of Mount Union; Mrs. T. H. Black of Newton Hamilton; Lloyd of Rockhill.





Robert M. Wakefield, Progenitor: Four Generations



JOHN S. HARENCAME, was born in Porter township, this county, Nov. 6, 1841. He resided there until 1857 when he moved to Hill Valley. Mr. Harencame married Miss Mary A. Shaffer in 1863, and to them the following children were born: Mrs. John Manning of Phoenixville; Morrow and Harry of Braddock; Mrs. John Ruth of Braddock; Benjamin of Monnessen; John M., of Ontario, Canada; Ralph of New York and Fannie and Maude at home. Mr. Harencame has resided in Hill Valley since 1857. He was a soldier in the Rebellion, a member of Co. G, 205th



Reg., Penna. Volunteers. His wife died in 1899. He is a member of the Reformed church, and has been a farmer all his life.

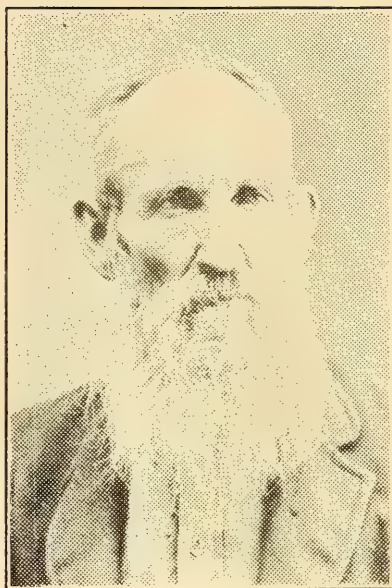
Mrs. George Booher of town, is also a daughter.

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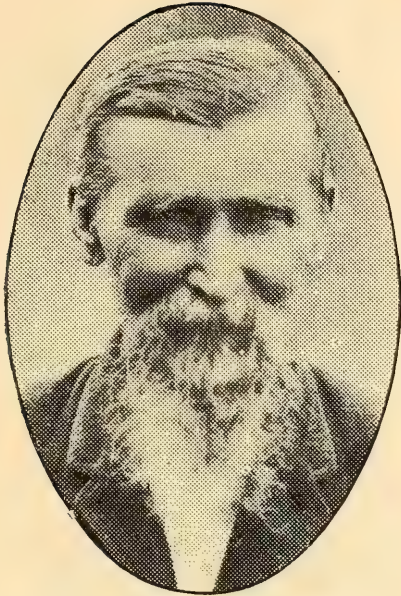
D. P. ENYEART came to Shirley township in 1850, having been born in Cromwell, Mar. 26, 1849. He remained there until about 10 years old and then the family moved to Franklin county where they resided about 5 years. When a young man Mr. Enyeart spent several years in the West, having worked and traveled in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Iowa. He married Josephine Daniels in 1878. His children are: John L., of Mount Union; Mrs. Walter Harshbarger of Petersburg; Josephine and Susannah at home. Mr. Enyeart is a farmer of ability. He is also a member of the Reformed church.

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GRACY ERWIN, a resident of Blacklog Valley, is a native of Tell township, born Oct. 4, 1851. He was 35 years of age when he came to Blacklog Valley. He married Hannah Jane Morgan in 1876, and to this union were born the following children: Samuel, William and Elmer, all residents of the valley. Mr. Erwin is a faithful member of the U. B. church, and at the present is their Sunday school superintendent.



HENRY MORGAN was born in Blacklog Aug. 18, 1840, and has resided all his life in that valley. His father's name was Joshua Morgan. Mr. Morgan married Miss Catharine Vaughan of the same valley in 1877. He is the father of four children, three of whom are deceased. Lewis Morgan, the son, resides with his father. Mr. Morgan served his country in the Rebellion, being a member of Co. E, 20th Penna. Cavalry, and later re-enlisting in Co. B, 147th Reg., Penna. Volunteers. Mr. Morgan's wife died on Nov. 1, 1905.



AUGUSTUS HARVEY residing in the township, though bordering on the borough of Shirleysburg, is a native of Germantown, Perry County, having been born Sept. 28, 1844. Mr. Harvey moved into Franklin county in 1850, and lived there until 1863, when he heard a call to battle and responded, being a member of Co. K, 21st Penna. Cavalry. After the War, he came to Shirleysburg, and has resided there ever since. He married Miss S. C. Harvey Oct. 14, 1869. He is the father of six children: Charles of Waterford, Pa.; Flora at home; and O. M. Harvey of Irvona, Pa. Mr. Harvey is the son of Robert Harvey. His grandfather was one of the pioneer settlers in Shirleysburg. Three children are dead: Luella, Cora and William.



DAVID CRONE was born in Franklin county, Feb. 18, 1840. He lived there ten years then moved to Shirley township, where he has since resided. Mr. Crone was a soldier, a member of Co. I, 26th Penna. Cavalry. He later re-enlisted in Co. A. He was married to Susannah King in 1868. His children are: Mary, Samuel, William, James and Bathilda, all of whom are residents of the township. at and near home. Mr. Crone is a member of the U. B. church. He has been a farmer all his life.

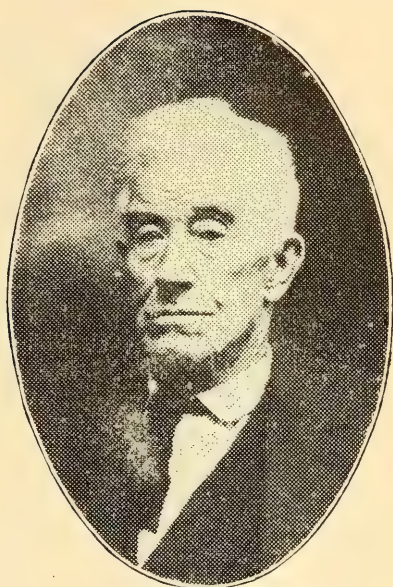
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JOHN YOUNG residing near Aughwick station was born in that section Sept. 23rd, 1850. He resided

there during his early days, then went to Huntingdon where he worked for some time. He was married in 1882 to Miss Mary Rupert. They went West in 1885 and returned in 1904, when he bought the Maffit place and has resided thereon ever since.

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L. S. YETTER, resides near Shirleysburg, a part of his farm being in Cromwell, while his house is in Shirley township. He was born July 10, 1832, in Mifflin county. He moved into Juniata county in 1856. He was married to Jane Campbell Oct. 14, 1858. He is the father of 8 children: Mary E., Elmora R., John C., and Jacob B., all deceased. Those living are: Mrs. Sarah Snyder of Chardon, Ohio; Mrs. Carrie Pheasant, of Juniata Park, Pa.; Mrs. Kate Widney, of Chambersburg, Pa.; and Mrs. Belle Fogle of Shirley township. Mr. Yetter also raised a nephew, who is a prominent teacher in Blair county, assistant principal of the Duncansville schools. Mr. Yetter moved to Huntingdon county in 1860 and settled in Dublin township. April 1, 1907, he came to Shirley township. His first wife died July 29, 1877. He was married Oct. 14, 1880, to Miss Mary Mills of Burnt Cabins. He served in the late war, a member of Co. G, 143 Regiment, Penna. Volunteers. He lost an arm in the Battle of the Wilderness. For 40 years, Mr. Yetter has been a member of the Presbyterian church.



L. S. YETTER



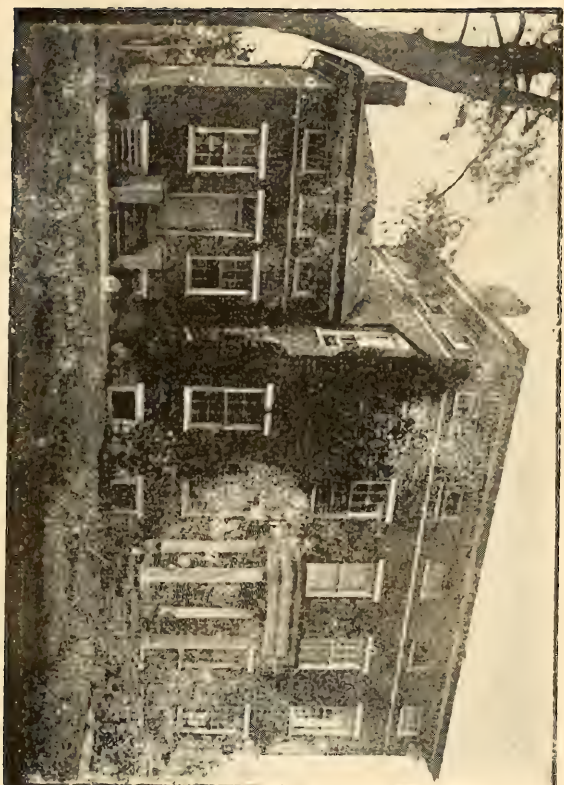
**SHIRLEYSBURG**

Following out in reality the well known words, made famous in poetry and song, "Over the Hills to the Poorhouse," we come upon the little town of Shirleysburg, situated seven miles from Mount Union, and located upon the East Broad Top Railroad. Before the railroad was, in fact long before Mount Union had taken form, there was a little village there, and the nucleus of a town was in evidence. This quaint old town has an interesting history as we see it today, lying between ridges and mountains, where a broad expanse of beautiful level land unfolds, and where a stream of water goes rippling by to fertilize and make more arable the surrounding farm lands. We do not wonder then, that George Croghan selected this place for his abode while in this region of the Aughwick. We do not wonder that it became a suitable location for one of the old string of forts lined up through the Province, for the purpose of defense from the French and Indians. An aggressive town in the past, Shirleysburg is today devoid of her industry to a great extent, and with the exception of a grist mill with its "grind" there is nothing there of an industrial nature. Old residents have come upon the scene of action and passed out again, leaving their impress upon the world and the generations that follow in the line of posterity to perpetuate their

names and their good and worthy deeds.

The quaint old town of Shirleysburg has remained for many years unchanged by the wheels of time. It became a borough at the session of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth which met in 1836 and 1837. The first burgess of Shirleysburg was John Lutz, who served first in 1837 and later in 1841 and 1854. The second burgess' name was James G. Lightner and the third was Benjamin Leas. The first town council consisted of Thomas Askin, John Price, Jacob Ricard and Thomas Barton. The first constable was Elliot Ramsey, and the first board of school directors was Samuel McVitty and Henry Brewster, chosen in 1843.

Shirleysburg takes its name from the name of the fort which was located in early days to the north of where the town now stands. The land upon which the town is now situated was owned in primitive days by George Croghan, which fact we learned earlier in this article. From Croghan's hands it passed to several other owners, until later, in fact at still a very early date, what is now the site of the town was known as the Warner tract. Some of the original owners of lots in Shirleysburg were: Charles Barton, Samuel McVitty, James Oliver, David Freaker, Walter Hudson, Thos. A. Smelker, Joseph Harvey, Jesse Hollingsworth and Thomas Askin. The first over-



Rockview Academy, Shirleysburg

seers of the poor were: Samuel McMath and William Wilson (1810).

### SHIRLEYSBURG'S INDUSTRIES

Among the first industries in the town of Shirleysburg was a foundry owned by John Lutz, and among the things which he manufactured was the old "Hathaway" cook stove, which was sold by agents for miles around through the country. Samuel Backus came to that section about 1824 and started a tile and pottery works. After passing through several different hands, this property finally came into the possession of Philip Kabis, about 1866. We note also that an earthenware works was also established there about 1866 by Geo. W. Hawker, who conducted the business in connection with his son, D. P. Hawker, until 1871, at which time the father died and the business was continued by the son for several years later.

What was known as the old log grist mill, long ago dilapidated, was erected about 1800 and stood near the site of the present mill at the north entrance to the town, the present industry being owned by J. Harry Myers. David Eby built this mill property in 1844. It later passed into the hands of James Brewster, Adam Heffner and Geo. Bowser, respectively, prior to the present ownership.

There was at an early date a distillery located in what is now Shir-

leysburg, built by Samuel Williamson. This was later sold to John Lutz and James Ramsey and finally to J. McDonald. This industry long ago passed to decay.

In 1800 Thomas McVitty built a small tannery upon the site of what was later the tannery of John C. Lotz and Lewis Brown. This industry once flourishing has also gone to decay.

Near to Shirleysburg in Germany Valley there was formerly a tannery on what was the Peter Swayne farm, now owned by Lewis Bollinger. This tannery at one time was in a flourishing condition. It also has long been abandoned and has now gone to decay.

About 35 or 40 years ago a woolen mill flourished in Germany Valley, about two miles from Shirleysburg. Many of our readers will remember this old-time industry. It ceased operations about 1870.

#### SHIRLEYSBURG'S MERCHANTS

Among the pioneer merchants in Shirleysburg was T. T. Cromwell, who had the first store, William Harvey being his clerk. This was in the days of the old Bedford Fur-nace. Mr. Cromwell owned lands lying between what is now Shirleysburg and Orbisonia, and it was after him that Cromwell Township took its name. Other merchants who followed were: Rodney McKinstry, James Sherard, Kimble A. Barton, who at-

so kept a tavern in combination, John Cooper, who occupied the brick store adjoining the old tannery, George Ramsey, James Lyon, John Lutz, William Pollard, Duffield & Elliott. Mr. Lutz was succeeded in the mercantile business by John Long in 1825. John Brewster started business there in 1834 in the brick house now occupied by John Jacobs. William Clark, John Owen and Joseph Goshorn were also among the early merchants in Shirleysburg.

Geo. Askin and James Brewster and the firm of Madden & Lutz are also numbered among the early storekeepers of the town. Benj. and Wm. Leas started business there in 1836, continuing until 1842. Later the firm became that of G. & B. Leas, Wm. Leas retiring. Later still Wm. Leas again entered into business. Other early "molasses dippers and calico rippers" were: Judge Long, J. A. Kerr, Wm. Brewster and Wm. A. Freaker. The old W. B. Leas store room is now occupied by W. H. Lightner. G. W. Cornelius formerly conducted business there. Following him and preceding Lightner were: Reuben Myers and Bowser & Lightner.

#### SHIRLEYSBURG'S TAVERNS

Among the early tavern keepers were: Samuel Singer and James Kelley, being in business about 1800 to 13. Kimble A. Barton was another, he having been a storekeeper, also. John Megary, John Cooper,



Paul Donohoe, Thomas McGarvey, David Fraker and P. X. Burkett were among others to follow.

### SHIRLEYSBURG'S EARLY PHYSICIANS

Among the early physicians in Shirleysburg were: Dr. Longbran, Dr. Scott, Dr. J. G. Lightner, Dr. Ahl and Dr. M. J. McKinnon. Dr. Wm. P. McNite (deceased) located there in 1861.

DR. ROBERT BAIRD was born in Kentucky and came with his parents to Pennsylvania when a little boy, where he was educated. He was twice married, first to a Miss Bower; later to Mrs. Lovell; widow of Amos Lovell. He practiced medicine at Cassville and at Three Springs, prior to locating in Shirleysburg, which was about 1848. Dr. Baird died in 1870, at a ripe old age. His children were: Chas. G., Barton, Fred, Dr. Thomas Baird, Catharine, Mrs. F. H. Harrison (deceased), Jane, (deceased), Hettie, who married Dr. John Hudson, later E. T. Kellogg, now residing in Concord, California, Annie, Mrs. Chas. Endries, now of Oakland, California, and Alice, Mrs. Dr. J. C. Fleming of Shirleysburg.

### THE SHIRLEYSBURG HERALD.

In early days Shirleysburg had a newspaper, an independent weekly known as the "Herald." This was founded on Feb. 1, 1855 by John Lutz. At the end of the first year it passed into the hands of John G.

Long and subsequently to Benj. F. Miller. Under the management of the latter its publication was suspended for a short time, until on the 7th of January, 1858, Mr. Lutz again assumed the editorial management, with his son Benj. as assistant editor and printer, until the 24th of March the size was 5 columns, at which time it was increased to 6. On July 28, 1859 the establishment was sold to R. Milton Speer for removal to Huntingdon and the "Union" was started, hence Mr. Lutz bade adieu to his readers. A few months later in the arrangements that resulted in the consolidation of the "Huntingdon Journal" and "American" papers Mr. Lutz obtained the material of the "Journal" office, with which on Jan. 4, 1860, he resumed the publication of the "Herald." From the 30th of April until the 5th of November, 1861, the paper was issued twice a week.

#### SHIRLEYSBURG'S CHURCHES

Methodism started in the vicinity of Shirleysburg as early as 1795. Services were held in groves, barns and in private homes. Itinerant preachers visited this section and conducted services. In 1812, when the town was a small village, a log meeting house was built. This log church served not only the Methodists, but the other denominations in the town as well in early days. In 1843 a brick church was erected on the site of the present church. This

structure was destroyed by fire in the winter of 1846. Soon another building was erected, but it was likewise destroyed by fire in 1876. The present Methodist Church, as it stands today, was built in 1877. Among the early preachers were: Revs. Seeley Bunn, John Bowen, Thos. Larkins, Dr. Woods and Jacob Gruber. Among the early Methodists were: Thos. Askin, Samuel Backus, Thos. Carothers, John Withington, Chas. Fleming, Peter Etnire and John Sharrar.

The Shirleysburg Presbyterian Church was organized about 1800. Among the early preachers were: Revs. John Johnston, Samuel Woods, John Peebles, Britton Collins, John Shaiffer. Later ministers were: Revs. Forbes, Prideaux, Watson, Pomeroy, Campbell and Finney. The present church building was erected in 1830. A general remodeling was effected a few years ago. Among the early Presbyterians were found: The Cluggages, Williamsons, Harveys, Hollingsworths, Alexanders, McNites, Brewsters, Douglasses, Bingham and Brandts.

The Baptist Church of Shirleysburg was organized Aug. 8, 1843, with 49 members. Services were held first in a school-house. The present church building was erected in 1843 and '44. Among the pastors have been: Revs. David Williams (1843-52) J. A. Kelly, J. L. Holmes, D. V. Krevlin, J. B. Kidder, S. K. Boyer, J. W. Evans, D. R. P. Strayer, W. P. Hile.

The first elders were: Thos. A. Smelker and S. McVitty. Among the primitive Baptists were: The Leases, Smelkers, Doyles, Ramseys, Lightners, Divens, Bartons and McVitties.

### MISCELLANEOUS

At the present time the merchants of Shirleysburg are as follows: W. H. Lightner, General Merchandise, who keeps store in the brick building formerly erected by Dr. Lightner. J. M. Lutz is engaged in the Hardware and Implement business. David Kurtz and Son are also Hardware merchants, located in the Brewster building. Geo. W. Miller keeps a general store in the building formerly occupied by W. A. Fraker. I. M. Harvey is also dealer in General Merchandise. W. S. Miller deals in stoves, tinware, etc., in the large store building erected and occupied by W. A. Fraker, a few years prior to his death. Shirleysburg has two hotels: The Broad Top House in charge of Mrs. Kirkpatrick, and the Central in charge of John Basore. The present pastors are: Methodist, Rev. Charles Griffin; Baptist, Rev. J. C. Lathrop; of Mount Union. The Presbyterian congregation is at present without a pastor, Rev. Finney having resigned some months ago.

The burgess of Shirleysburg is William Harris. The members of the town council are: J. Harry Myers, Pres.; Geo. Withington, Homer Myers, Bruce Bard, Dr. J. C. Fleming. and John Basore. The school direc-

tors now are: George Withington, Thos. Harris, Frank Brewster, Isaac Gifford, Dr. J. C. Fleming, W. H. Lightner. The town has two Justices: W. S. Miller and W. H. Lightner. The postmaster is Mrs. Ella Harris, widow of the late Wm. H. Harris. Harry Bard, Jr., is the town's blacksmith, taking up the profession of his father, and Dr. Fleming is the only physician in the village, he having come to Shirleysburg Nov. 22, 1887, where he married Miss Alice Baird, daughter of the late Dr. Robert Baird. He is an eminent physician and enjoys a large practice.

The large brick house standing to the right as you enter Shirleysburg from the north, located near where the old fort stood in primitive days, is now occupied by J. M. Lutz, the hardware dealer, his store being a short distance up the street. This building was erected in 1850 by Benj. Leas. He built it for a dwelling house, but it later was transformed into a seminary, having had different instructors, among them being Paul Kidder. About 20 years ago it became the Old Folks Home, an institution devoted to the interests of the Dunkard Brethren. It was still later converted into the Rockview Academy, conducted by Prof. W. S. Wolf.

Shirleysburg is also the seat of the County Home, the act for the erection of said institution having been approved May 6, 1850. This town is an ideal place for the location of the

County Almshouse, quiet, serene, peaceful—a place where the aged poor can live out their last days in tranquillity. The present steward of the Almshouse is W. W. Wilson, born in Shirley township, a son of the late Thomas Wilson.

Fifty years ago a wagon-making establishment flourished in the town, in charge of John Wicks, William Drake and Harry Bard. These men controlled considerable business. This was before the day of the factory-wagon and the rapidity with which such is turned out these days.

Shirleysburg has in a sense one street, a quiet town, beautifully located and with magnificent scenery round about. Excellent farm lands too are in close proximity. There are no industries in the town, save a grist mill, but there are some live, energetic business men who are anxious to make things go and are willing to put their shoulders to the wheel. There are a few old people in the town whose heads are hoary with the weight of years. Shirleysburg is a typical country village with an interesting history. The population today is about 400, and perhaps some day something will loom up to stir the place to activity, to increase the population and make use of the many natural advantages which are to be found within her borders.

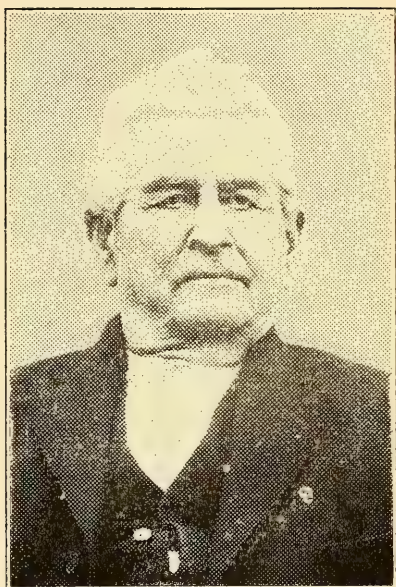


**SHIRLEYSBURG'S OLDEST CITIZENS.**

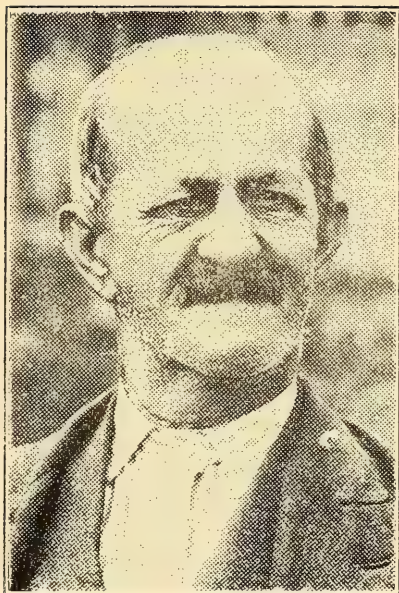
JOHN ZEIGLER is the oldest man in Shirleysburg, having been born in Lebanon county, Dec. 25, 1825. He moved to Lewistown in 1845, and after residing there for some time, came to the brick mill at Aughwick Mills, where he spent three years as the operator. In 1879 he moved to Aughwick station where he conducted a store for a number of years. He now resides in Shirleysburg, living retired. Mr. Zeigler was married to Matilda Matthews in 1847. He is the father of four children: Marion of Hastings, Neb.; Mrs. J. W. Lund, of Clinton, Iowa; Mrs. Beulah Onslauger, of Harrisburg and Clair of Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Zeigler was a veteran of the war, belonging to Co. C, 78th Regiment, Penna. Volunteers. His wife died about a year ago. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

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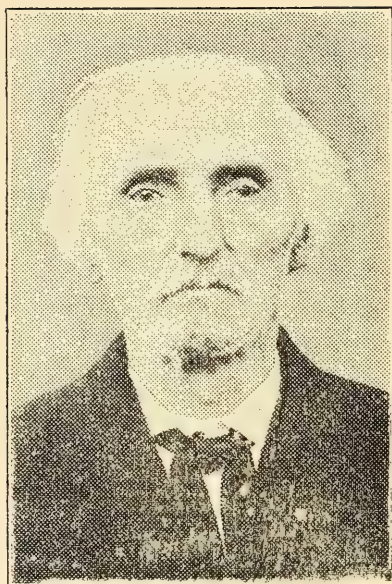
DANIEL MYERS was born in Chambersburg, Mar. 11, 1832. When 10 years old he came to Shirleysburg with his parents, and has resided there ever since. He was married to Elizabeth Johns. His children are: David of Huntingdon; Mrs. W. J. Hunter of Mount Union; Mrs. L. V. Fergus, of Burnside, Ky.; Victor at home. Mr. Myers is a blacksmith by trade. He was a soldier of the Civil War and member of Co. C, 19th Penna. Cavalry.



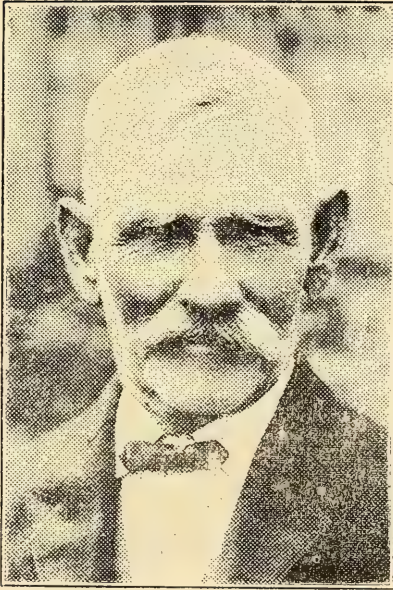
**JOHN ZEIGLER**



DANIEL MYERS



JOHN JACOBS was born in Darmstadt, Germany, April 6, 1832. He came to America in 1852, and in the same year was married to Isabel Peterson. He settled in Shirleysburg and has resided there ever since. He has been a hard working, energetic man. His children are: Lowry and John of Altoona; Albert of Lewistown; Annie, Mrs. W. H. Lightner of Shirleysburg; R. W. Jacobs, the present mayor of Huntingdon; Harry of Shirleysburg; George (deceased); two died in infancy. Mr. Jacobs is a member of the Presbyterian church.

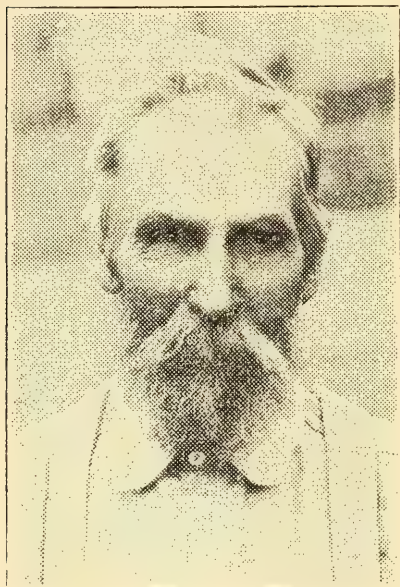


PETER X. BURKETT is a native of Sinking Valley, having been born Mar. 18, 1834. When about 18 years old he moved to near Orbisonia. He was married first to Miss Matilda Hoover, and to this union nine children were born, of which number six are living: Mrs. D. N. Kyper of Huntingdon; Mrs. J. A. Lansberry of Mt. Savage, Md.; Mrs. Samuel Lutz of Winslow, Ill.; Daisy of Kalispell, Mont.; Mrs. Ella Shearer of Maryland; William of Abingdon, Ill.; Harry, Flora and Lawrence are dead. Three years ago he was married to Louise Jeffries. Mr. Burkett kept hotel in Shirleysburg about thirty years ago. He



was a sldier, a member of the 19th Penna. Cavalry. He has run a hack and livery as well as farmed for a livelihood. "Burkett's Hack" has become household words around this section in the past thirty years.

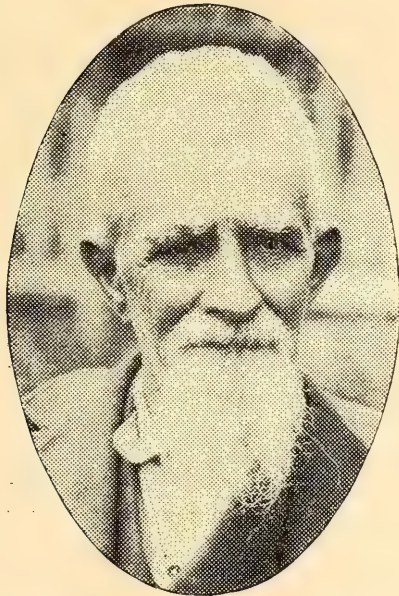
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W. HARRY BARD, brother of Joshua Bard and a son of Samuel Bard, was born in Blacklog, Feb. 15, 1836. The family later migrated into Fulton county, where they remained for several years. Mr. Bard has been in Shirleysburg 51 years. He was a soldier, member of Co. F, 19th Penna. Cavalry. He married Mary Nelson in 1858, who is still living. The child-

ren are: David of Shirleysburg; Mrs. Nelson Irvin of Mifflin county; Mrs. B. F. Huntsman of Mount Union; Bruce, Harry and Frank of Shirleysburg; Mrs. H. C. Kerr of Altoona and Charles of Montana; William, Rebecca and Emma (Mrs. Dr. Nugent of Altoona) are dead.

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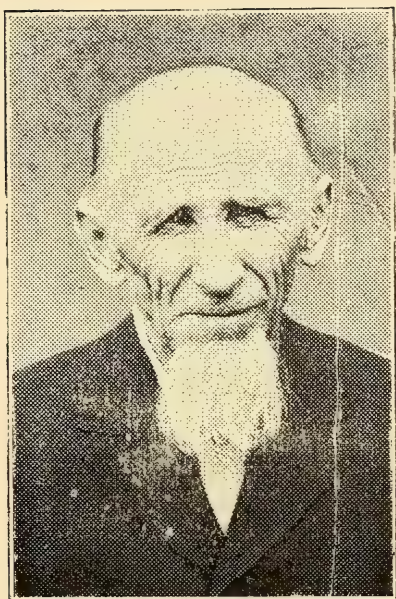
JACOB A. MILLER was born in York county June 19, 1842. He spent some time in Adams county prior to coming to Shirley township about 40 years ago with his father, John H. Miller, and settled on what is now the Wm. McGarvey farm. Mr. Miller has resided in Shirleysburg for

a number of years. He was a soldier, a member of Co. B, 138th Penna. Volunteers. He married Mary E. Reck, who still survives. The children are: Mrs. Reuben Zeigler of Mount Union; Mrs. O. F. Marks of Lewistown and John R. Miller of Shirleysburg. One daughter is deceased. Mr. Miller is a member of the Reformed church.

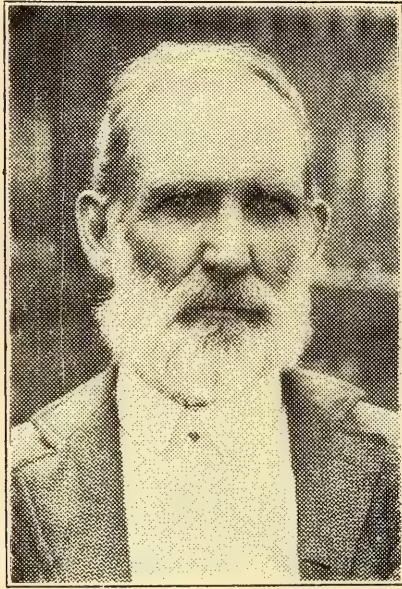
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ELI MASEMORE is a native of York county. Born Nov. 19, 1842. When 19 years old he came to Clay township and settled with his parents. He migrated to Shirley township in 1869. He was a soldier, a member of Co. G, 205th Regiment, Penna. Volunteers. On Sept. 14, 1869, he married Miss Mary L. Funk, a native of Shirley township, daughter of the late Rev. Abram Funk. Three children were born to this union: Mrs. Martin Shaver of East Pittsburg; Ira G. Masemore of Mifflin county and Albert M. of Shirleysburg. Mr. Masemore has resided in Shirleysburg for some time. He is a member of the Dunkard church.





**ELI MASEMORE**



JOSEPH B. GRAY, a native of Juniata county, was born July 14, 1843, near Waterloo. He married Miss Martha McCulloch (1868). They lived there until 1874 when they came to Shirleysburg. His first wife died in 1875. He married Miss Belle Fleming in 1878, he having gone to Juniata county after the death of his first wife. They settled in Germany Valley in 1882, thence they went to Newton Hamilton. Now they reside in Shirleysburg. He is the father of Mrs. Forrest Bratton of Altoona. Squire Gray is a staunch Presbyterian, formerly a noted Justice of the



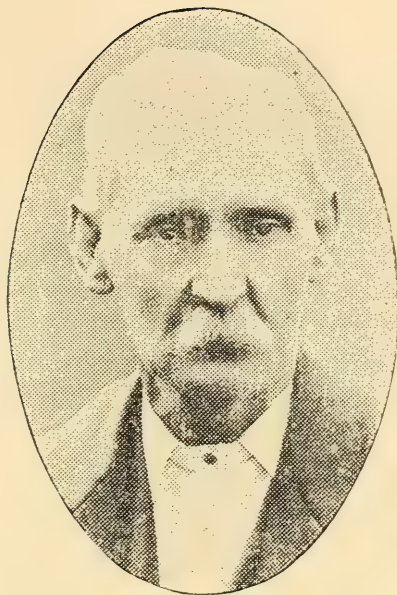
Peace, and has a good war record, a member of Co. C, 47th Regiment, Penna. Volunteers.

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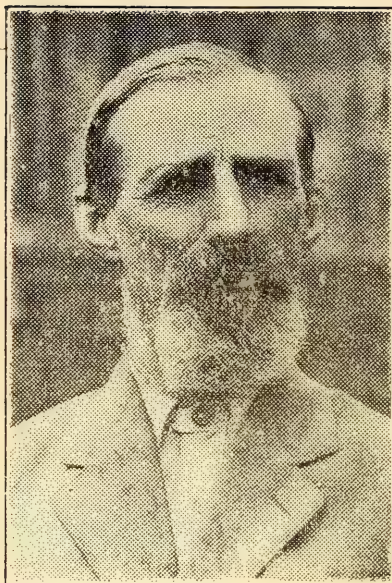
GEORGE WITHINGTON was born in Mili Hall, Pa., Sept. —, 1844, the son of John Withington. His father was a tailor by trade. He migrated into Shirleysburg a number of years ago. George Withington has resided in this town most all his life. He married Miss Caroline Hoover and his children are: John P. of Mount Jewett; George E. of Kalamazoo, Mich.; one infant daughter (deceased). Mr. Withington is one of Shirleysburg's progressive citizens, always among the first to push an enterprise for the good of the town. He has served his people in almost every public office in the borough, always a contributor toward a good cause. He is now soliciting subscriptions for the erection of a new iron fence around the old Shirleysburg cemetery, for which he deserves to be commended not only by the present citizens, but by former residents of the town who have relatives buried in this old historic cemetery. Mr. Withington followed butchering for about 25 years, being associated with John Jacobs for some time, also with John A. Kerr later. He quit butchering in 1884, and has since been living retired.



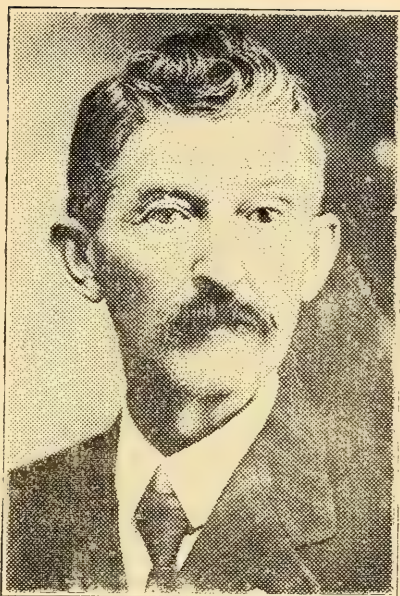
GEORGE WITHINGTON



THOMAS C. HARRIS was born at Concord, Pa., Oct. 9, 1844. When 26 years of age he came to this county, locating at Shirleysburg. He worked for some time at the old tannery in Germany Valley, being a tanner by trade. He married Miss Charlotte A. Clark. His children are: Mrs. C. H. Johnson of Wayside, Neb.; Frank of Gordon, Neb.; Mrs. Frank Bard of Shirleysburg. Mr. Harris is a member of Co. F, 19th Penna. Cavalry. He is also a member of the Presbyterian church.



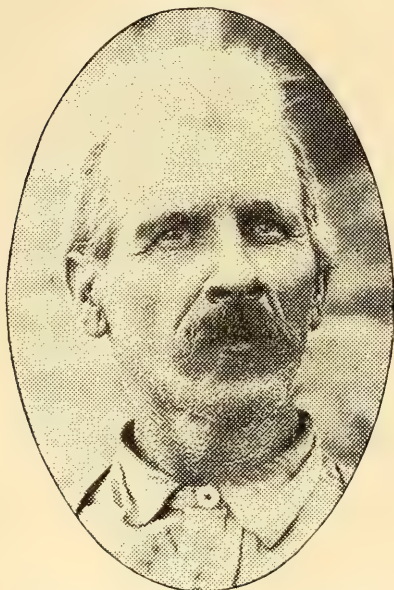
JOHN W. RIFFLE is a native of Maryland, having been born near Hagerstown, Oct. 3, 1846. The family resided there until he was 10 years old when they came and settled in Love Valley, this township. Mr. Riffle was married to Martha E. Henry about 1875. They moved to Shirleysburg in 1883. He has two children living: Benjamin of town and Emory of Louisiana; one daughter is dead. Mr. Riffle has been a farmer and a merchant during his life.



JOHN S. APPLEBY was born in Dublin township, June 26, 1847. He lived in that township until 14 years ago when he came with his family to Shirleysburg (1895), at which time he became steward at the County Home. Mr. Appleby married Miss Anna C. Fleming June 26, 1867. His children are as follows: Loretta Mrs. Harry Foreman (deceased); Bruce of Dublin township; Matilda (deceased); James C. of Decorum; J. O. Appleby of Pittsburg; Harry of Shirleysburg; Ulie of Mount Union; Rola of Shirleysburg; Mrs. Bruce Colgate and Mrs. J. M. Kurtz of Shirleysburg.

Warren died in infancy. Mr. Appleby is now engaged with G. W. Miller in the manufacture of cigars. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

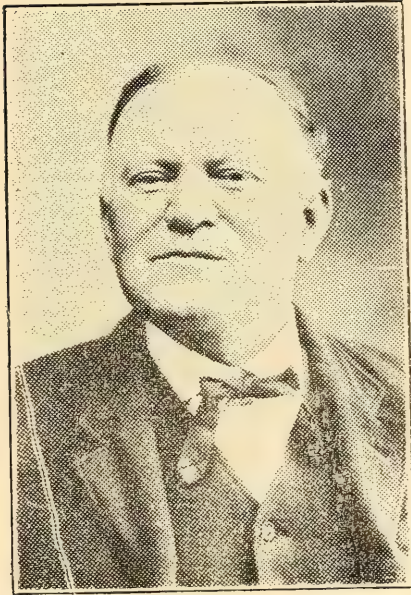
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ISAAC Y. WILSON, a native of Lancaster county, was born July 14, 1847. He came to Huntingdon when 8 years old. He later resided at Six Mile Run, Bedford county. He was employed there as a coal miner. Mr. Wilson settled in Shirleysburg in 1866. He married Elizabeth Rogers 31 years ago. He is the father of Mrs. Robert Mohler of Shirleysburg. He was a soldier, a member of Co. C, 79th Regiment, Penna. Volunteers. Mr. Wilson is a great hunter and enjoys traversing the forests and bringing down the big game.



POPULAR RESIDENTS OF SHIR-  
LEYSBURG



J. HARRY MYERS, was born in Shirleysburg Aug. 26, 1861, and has spent all his life in his native town, with the exception of two years spent in Orbisonia and 5 years spent in Johnstown, working at his trade, that of butchering. Mr. Myers is now the owner of the grist mill at Shirleysburg, and will probably operate it himself in the near future. He recently sold his butchering business to Al. Price. Mr. Myers is a well-known auctioneer. He is also the father of twelve children, six boys

and six girls, all at home. He is an enterprising citizen, and contemplates putting electricity into his town some time in the future.

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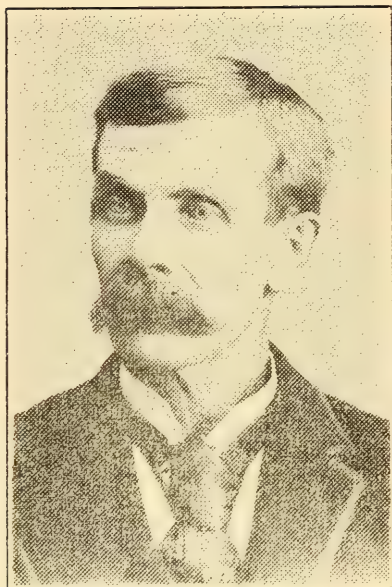
A. J. WHITTAKER, the obliging tonsorial artist, is a son of the late Geo. W. Whittaker. Mr. Whittaker has for a number of years been occupied at this stand, and neither prosperous nor depressed times have had much effect upon his business. The one price is charged the year round for a first-class shave. Mr. Whittaker is a member of the Presbyterian Faith.

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D. C. KURTZ & SON are located in the Brewster building and are engaged in the hardware and implement business. They have been in business there since last February. D. C. Kurtz was born in Woodcock Valley about 62 years ago. He has resided in Germany Valley for 21 years. He was married to Miss Malinga Grove now deceased, and is the father of five sons and two daughters: Luden, Morrell, Joseph, William and James, all residents of the township, Joseph being associated with his father in business. The two daughters are: Mrs. Porter Briggs of West Decatur, Clearfield county and Mrs. Samuel Myers of Shirleysburg. Joseph Kurtz was born Aug. 18, 1889.



GEO. W. MILLER is now one of the popular merchants of Shirleysburg. Mr. Miller has been in business there for many years. He was born in Littlestown, Adams county, Nov. 4, 1864. His parents brought him to Shirleysburg when he was three years old. From 1871 to 1877 he was located in Washington, D. C. Mr. Miller is the son of D. H. Miller. His children are: William, Curtain and two daughters at home, and one son, L. C. Miller, at the Chester Military School, Chester, Pa. Mr. Miller is also engaged in the manufacture of cigars, his product being well known throughout the country.



JOHN DOUGLAS, one of the prominent residents of Shirleysburg, was born near that town Aug. 17, 1846. His father's name was Samuel and his grandfather, John Douglas, was one of the primitive settlers in that town. The grandfather came from Ireland, and settled first at Tyrone Forges. Thence he came to Shirleysburg. John Douglas has resided in and near Shirleysburg all his life. He was for 15 years clerk at the County Home. He was married on Oct. 26, 1908, to Miss Annie Brandt. Mr. Douglas is a Presbyterian and an Elder. His father and grandfather

were Elders before him. He is a farmer, rather a raiser of choice fruits and potatoes. He enjoyed the ride on the first passenger train that ran to Mt. Union over the E. B. T. R. R. in the car 'La Rue.'

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J. MONROE LUTZ was born in Newton Hamilton, Mar. 14, 1860, and is a son of the late John X. Lutz, and grandson of the late Jacob Lutz. After residing in Newton Hamilton for some time, the family moved to Germany Valley where they ranked among that section's most prosperous farmers for many years. J. M. Lutz

continued farming upon the old home-  
stead for some time after his father's  
death, and later (1904) moved to Shir-  
leysburg, where he started in busi-  
ness, his line being hardware and  
implements. Mr. Lutz was first mar-  
ried to Miss Mary Alma Welch, and  
to that union were born five child-  
ren: Howard, Elmer, Byron, Fan-  
nie and Anna. He was married the  
second time to Miss Alice Fultz and  
to the second union there are two  
children: Rebecca and Winifred. Mr.  
Lutz has been making a success in  
the line of business in which he is  
engaged. He is a member of the Bap-  
tist church.

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DR. J. M. FLEMING, Shirleysburg's  
only practicing physician, was born  
near Shade Gap, Dec. 15, 1850. He  
resided at home for a while, prepar-  
ing himself simultaneously for teach-  
ing school. The Doctor was engaged  
"teaching the young idea" for 7 terms,  
six years in Huntingdon and one in  
Juniata county. He began the study  
of medicine in 1877, and in the spring  
of 1889 he graduated from the Uni-  
versity of Michigan in that profes-  
sion. In the autumn of 1889 he set-  
tled in Shirleysburg, and has re-  
mained there ever since, having an  
extensive practice and enjoying a  
large friendship. On November 22,  
1889, the Doctor was married to Miss  
Alice Baird, daughter of the late Dr.  
Robert Baird and to that union there  
is one daughter, Miss Jessie. He has



held various local offices in his town, and is at the present time a member of the town council. The Doctor is a member of the Baptist church.

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W. H. LIGHTNER, a son of Henry Lightner, (deceased) is another of the business men of Shirleysburg. He was born in that town, Jan. 1, 1861, and has resided there all his life. Mr. Lightner has been engaged in various occupations in his career, and for 9 years has been in the mercantile business. At one time he was postmaster of his town. Today Mr. Lightner is a justice of the peace, having held this office for 19 years. He was married about 19 years ago to Miss Anna Jacobs and is the father of two sons, Richard and Roy.

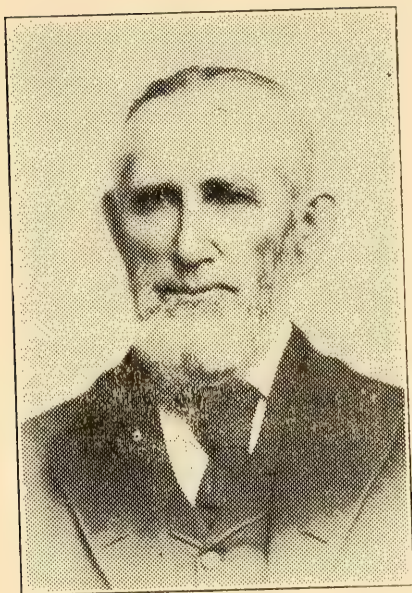
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### John C. Lotz

long a resident of Shirleysburg, was born near Bellwood, Blair county, June 15, 1819. He located in Germany Valley in 1849, having purchased the John Spanogle farm, which he sold to Michael H. Kyper, Dec. 1865, and which farm now belongs to A. S. Welch. From 1865 until his death (March 10, 1903.) Mr. Lotz resided in Shirleysburg. Mr. Lotz was twice married, first to Miss Charlotte Cornmesser who died about 1890, and the second time to Mrs. Mary Chilcott Houck, widow of the late Joseph L. Houck (Dec. 1893). Joseph L. Houck, resided for a number of years in Aughwick Valley. Mr. Lotz was a consistent member of the Baptist church. His widow still survives in Shirleysburg. He had no children.

### THE BARTON KINDRED

The Barton kin is one of the oldest families in Shirleysburg, being of English extraction and excellent, good people. John Barton, the progenitor came from England in the latter part of the 18th century and settled first in Doylestown, Bucks county. Mr. Barton married and so far as we can learn, migrated to the vicinity of Shirleysburg, with his wife and five children, about 1785. John Barton was one of the pioneer school teachers in Shirleysburg. His five children were: Kimber, Thomas Gage, John Jr., Mary and Sabra. Kimber Barton was the first postmaster in Shirleysburg, being chosen in 1805. He had also an inclination toward music and literature. He was the grandfather too, of Miss Ann Diven of Mount Union. Thomas Gage Barton was the father of Thomas Nelson Barton, late of Shirleysburg, and the grandfather of Thomas of Huntingdon, Bower C. and Clement Barton of Shirleysburg, and Sibbie, Mrs. C. E. Emerick, of Grantville, Pa. Thomas Gage Barton was also the father of Mrs. Benj. Leas, formerly of Shirleysburg. John Barton, Jr., the 3rd son, was married to a Miss Stackpole of McVeytown. Mary Barton was the wife of John Bower and the mother of Dr. Chas. Bower, long an eminent physician at Newton Hamilton, also of Rev. Frederick Bower, a noted defender of the Baptist Faith in his day, who died at Middleburg,



**THOMAS NELSON BARTON, deceased**

Pa., about 8 years ago. Sabra Barton, the other daughter of John Barton, Sr., the pioneer, was the wife of Jacob Smelker formerly of Shirleysburg, and this Jacob Smelker was the father of Thomas A. Smelker, long a resident of Germany Valley. Thomas A. Smelker was the father of H. S. Smelker of Mount Union, C. B. Smelker of Beaumont, Tex., T. N. Smelker and Mrs. Julia Cree of Kauffman, Tex., Mrs. Hannah Musser of Homestead and Mary, Mrs. J. M. Ovelman of Altoona.

Thomas Barton was married to Miss Gertrude Lovell Morgan, Quoaticoke, Quebec, Canada. Clement Barton married Miss Jessie Myers. Sibbie married Dr. C. E. Emerick and resides at Grantville, Pa.

The present Barton sons of Shirleysburg, Clement and Bower C., Thomas of Huntingdon, and Mrs. C. E. Emerick of Grantville, Pa., are the children of the late Thomas Nelson Barton, long a prominent resident of Shirleysburg. Mr. Barton died April 1, 1906. His widow, Mary Swineford Barton and her son, Bower C. Barton still reside on the homestead farm. The children of Thomas and Clement Barton are the representatives of the fifth generation of Bartons in Shirleysburg.

### A WORD IN PASSING

IN our sketch upon Shirley township and the town of Shirleysburg, we have abbreviated considerable and have at the same time tried to relate the important points of biography and history. We have been obliged to accept much information from old residents, which of course, is the most authoritative at our command, yet this traditional information is subject to some inaccuracy incident to old age. Shirleysburg and Shirley township have a brilliant history. They have contributed to the world some of the best men and women. When the war broke out in the sixties, Shirley township sent many out to defend the flag. Out from the vales and valleys and out from among the hills of Shirley township, have gone bankers, ministers, physicians, lawyers and business men, many of whom are taking their stand amidst the keen competition of the age. Let the generations to come do as well as those of the past, and the fair name of Shirley will not be marred in the least.





ENOCH MYERS LUTZ, who died at his home in Mount Union, Sept. 24, 1904, was long a resident of Shirley township. He was a son of Samuel Lutz, in Germany Valley, and was one of a distinguished and pioneer family in the township. Mr. Lutz spent his boyhood days in Germany Valley, working on his father's farm, and getting the benefit of what schooling he could in the winters. On Dec. 27, 1858, he was married to Keturah Kepner of Juniata county. Mrs. Lutz died May 27, 1901. Mr. Lutz however followed farming all his life, residing for a number of



years in Aughwick, on the farm, now occupied by B. F. Garver. April 1, 1903, Mr. Lutz and family moved from the Glock place near Aughwick to Mount Union, where he purchased a home on the corner of Division and Market streets. His children are: Frank B. Lutz of Mount Union; Alice, Mrs. Charles Cayford residing in Nevada; Samuel of Cripple Creek, Col.; Cora, Mrs. Grant Heckert of Enola, Pa.; Jordan, deceased; William of Idaho, and Margaret of Harrisburg. Frank B. Lutz is one of our town's progressive and active citizens, and a member of the Lutheran church. Enoch Lutz was a member of the Duakard Faith.



**The Welcome to the Immigrant**

## LETTERS FROM C. B. SMELKER

Beaumont, Tex., Oct. 5, 1909.

Mr. Chas. H. Welch,

Mount Union, Pa.,

DEAR SIR:--I received your book of poems, and am much interested in them, especially the picture of the old Stone Church in Germany Valley. The old oak trees seem to have grown but little, in the last 38 years, since I left Pennsylvania. I have spent many happy hours, at the old Stone Church.

I noticed in last week's issue of the TIMES, that you will publish in book form your historical sketch, now running in your paper. I am now 72 years old and very distinctly remember many of the old-time residents of Shirleysburg, where I first saw the light of day. Briefly, I will give you the names of some of the old men, as they were in my early boyhood days.

Beginning at the southern end of town, and going northward, I remember of James Carothers, Samuel Backus, Samuel Carothers, James Smith, Thomas Fulton, Joseph Harvey, William Boggs, Walter Hudson, Thomas Diven, James Oliver, David Fraker, Dr. Applebaugh, John R. Smelker, John Lutz, Henry Brewster, James Clark, Benj. Leas, David Eby, Wm. Leas, Thos. Askins, Wm. Harvey, James Templeton, and Ephraim Doyle; these being on the west side of the street. On the east-side, beginning at the southern end I recollect of John Briggs, John Zelch, J. Hollingsworth, Britton F. Collins, Abraham Barnes, Samuel McVitty, Elijah Aultz, M. S. Harrison, Dr. Lightner, Jas. Ramsey, Geo. Leas, John Wicks, Abraham Funk, Allen Brown, Betsy Rickets and John Withington. I think this includes most every dwelling house in the town, at that day. My father owned and lived on the farm now owned by the county, where the Almshouse is located. My father built the old bridge that spanned the Aughwick Creek, below Shirleysburg. The house where J. M. Lutz lives, was built by Benj. Leas in 1846. Benj. Leas' wife and the late T. N. Barton, were brother and sister, and were also full cousins to my father, Thos. A. Smelker. T. N. Barton's widow, is a niece to my father.

Sabra Barton married Jacob Smelker, who

was the father of the late Thos. A. Smelker. Sabra Barton Smelker, was the mother of the late Thos. A. Smelker. John Bower, who was the father of the late Dr. Chas. Bower, of Newton Hamilton, married Mary Barton. Mary Barton Bower, died and also Jacob Smelker died, then John Bower, the father of Dr. Chas. Bower, married Sabra Barton, the mother of the late Thos. A. Smelker. In blood kin, Dr. Chas. Bower and my father Thos. A. Smelker, were first cousins, and by the marriage of their parents, Dr. Chas. Bower and Thos. A. Smelker became step-brothers. I am anxious to give you correct information, since you desire to print your historical sketch in a book. I can very distinctly remember things which occurred more than 65 years ago.

Very respectfully,

C. B. SMELKER.

Beaumont, Texas, Oct. 21, 1909.

Mr. Chas. H. Welch,

Dear Sir:—Your letter received. I will give you a short history of the owners of the farms in Germany Valley 64 years ago or in the year 1845. Beginning at the old fullen mill, south of the old stone church: John Young, Philip Grush, Philip Stumbaugh, Joseph Kough, David Kough, George Kough. These persons all lived at the old fullen mill. Mathias King on the Blacklog Mountain above Andrew Spanogle farm. Andrew Spanogle farm owned and farmed by Andrew Spanogle, old grandmother Lutz at the Stone Church, Samuel Lutz farm, Jonas Umbenhour at foot of Blacklog Mountain, John Gärver farm, this farm soon after sold to David Eby, John Wakefield farm, Jacob Lutz farm, Joseph Miller farm, John Long farm, now the Brant farm, Adam Crouse home was not then built, Samuel Rorer farm. Edward Furnace property owned and operated by Samuel H. Bell, Vineyard Mills now called Otelia, owned and

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The old log mill referred to by Mr. Smelker on page 96, also a saw mill, stood mid-way between what is now the Wm. Berkstresser farm and the present flouring mill, which was erected by David Eby in 1844, and now owned by J. H. Myers. The John Etnier farm on Johnstown ridge, should read south of Richard Hall, instead of above the Jacob Lutz farm.

occupied by Samuel H. Bell, Oliver Etnier saw mill, S. H. Bell farm occupied by John Price, an Etnier farm occupied by Stephen Elliot and afterward owned by Jacob Spanogle great-grandfather of yourself (C. H. Welch.) William Shaeffer farm, Samuel Etnier farm bought in 1844 by my father Thomas A. Smelker, Perry county, Peter Long farm occupied by Benjamin Long afterward sold to Thomas A. Smelker, this Peter Long farm and the Samuel Etnier farm combined have long been known as the Smelker farm, George Eby farm and saw mill afterward the Benjamin Garver farm, Henry Eby fullen mill, George Smith home afterward the Mosey Everet home not yet built, the Richard Hall farm all in timber, the John Etnier farm long known as Johnstown on the ridge above the Jacob Lutz farm, the George Bowman farm, the Robert Wakefield farm at the Bethel church was in after years made from parts of the George Eby farm and the Bowman farm, the George Swine farm, the old tan yard owned and operated by Thomas A. Smelker, my father, the Abraham Long farm occupied by Jacob Spanogle great-grandfather of C. H. Welch, the Peter Swine farm was taken from the Abraham Long farm, David Eby farm now known as Dan Berkstresser farm; then came the old log mill and the T. N. Barton farm which was then owned by David Eby, the county poor farm was then owned by my father Thomas A. Smelker, the Billy McGarvey farm was then in timber, timber was on all the land between where the the old log mill stood and fort run near the old tannery. Much of the land in Germany Valley has been cleared since my early recollection.

Very Respectfully,

C. B. SMELKER.

# MOUNT UNION

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## BACK TO MOUNT UNION

Mount Union was incorporated as a Borough in 1867. She is not an old town by any means. In fact, when Shirleysburg was a good sized village and when Huntingdon was a thrifty town, Mount Union was not. The nucleus of the town was two or three houses situated along the old canal at which point the boats would stop to load and unload their freight. This territory here, where Mount Union is now situated, was formerly along the old highway connecting the region of the Aughwick with that of Standing Stone, now Huntingdon, and such evidently had some influence upon our development into a village and later into a town. The town's growth has not been rapid like many others in the country, where because of some industrial interferences or some natural enterprise, people have come, buildings have been erected, streets laid out and a town started in a few years. On the other hand, Mount Union has not been slow. In 10 years' time our population has been tripled. We have taken on new life. Men of genius



**Edward M. Beers, the present Mayor of Mount Union**



and enterprise have given their lives in our interest, and some of them have passed away without the realization of successful effort. There are others today, active citizens of our city, who are interested in its welfare and who are soaring to the front with new ideals and motives—men who believe in booming your home town first of all and in lending a hand toward making it one of the best in the State. New industries have come here, which today rank among the best of their kind in the country. New people have settled within our bounds and have meanwhile given individual impetus to our progress. Our development has not been ephemeral, but we believe that it is permanent. Our natural resources are now being utilized. Upon our mountains are rock which is being ground and made into brick; stone also, that may be put into buildings. Upon our ridges are sand and limestone. Within the past decade in fact, Mount Union has come to be recognized as one of the leading towns in Central Pennsylvania. We are surging to the front, and we believe we have a brilliant future ahead.

There are many pleasant memories that cluster about Mount Union. To those who have been born and bred within her borders, who have gone out into the world to fight its battles and encounter its vicissitudes—to them the name is ever held in

precious memory. There are many grown to manhood now, who remember distinctly the times that they played upon the commons, or roamed about the thicket or went to swim in the old canal, or rambled over the hills and mountains—these mountains which today make up a panorama of magnificence when the trees are aglow with the rainbow hues of autumn. Despite this fact, the commons now are gone, having been transformed into the busy marts of trade; the hills have been changed somewhat by the thrift and ingenuity of man; the old canal has passed into oblivion; but these old mountains, save for the rocks and timbers that are being taken from their bosom, remain the same; each autumn sees them clothed in gold and each spring-time covered with living green. Like the great Sphinx of Egypt, these old mountains, could they speak, would unfold the message of the centuries. They might tell us of the great flood that was, or of some geologic or seismic interference which gave them shape and strew their crest with rocks and foliage. You cannot forget Mount Union if you have spent your youth here, or if this is your native town, for those memories of the past will live in pleasant retrospect. Time may silver your locks, but as the years press hard upon you, you will think the more of old Mount Union, and the memories of the past will come back to you often—at night-



**Jack's Spring as it used to be.**

fall perhaps, when you "steal awhile away from every 'cumbering care," or as the poet put it, when you wrap the drapery of your couch about you and lie down to pleasant dreams.

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### IN THE RETROSPECT

William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania, was devoted to the best interests of his colony and did all in his power to secure the continued friendship of the Indians to whom of right the soil belonged—the woods and the streams—though according to the custom of conquest, and in conformity to the practices of the Whites of Europe, a contrary principle had generally, if not universally, obtained. Penn's religious principles forbade him to wrest the soil of Pennsylvania by force from the people to whom God and nature gave it. In his intercourse with the Indians he was governed by immutable principles of justice which everywhere and for all purposes must be regarded as fundamental if human exertions are to be crowned with noble and permanent results.

Pennsylvania, when open for settlement, was the recipient of thousands of foreigners coming principally from Germany, Holland, Ireland, Scotland, Sweden and England. We note that among the first settlers were the Germans, who came over and located near Philadelphia as early as 1682. Others arrived from 1700 to 1720 and settled in the lower parts of Mont-

gomery, Bucks, Berks and Lancaster counties. In early times those who were not able to pay for their passage to America were sold as servants when landed here. We note from an early print that from 1730 to 1740 about 65 vessels, well filled with Germans, arrived in Philadelphia, bringing with them ministers of the Gospel and school-masters to instruct their children. A large number of these remained in Philadelphia, while others pressed westward along the Susquehanna and into York county.

We note further settlements were made northward along the Susquehanna River. John Harris, a native of Yorkshire, England, had made an attempt prior to 1785 to settle near the mouth of Conoy Creek, but it seems he preferred to settle higher up the river near the Indian village called Piextan near the present site of Harrisburg. The settlements soon became considerably extended and the population was augmented continuously by influxes of immigrants from abroad, as well as natives of the province. Cumberland county, which at that time included all this section around here, in fact most everything known west of the Tuscarora Mountains, as well as the Cumberland Valley, was settled primarily by the Scotch-Irish. This Scotch-Irish people were a hearty, industrious and persevering sect and made excellent settlers in the new province. This term, Scotch-Irish, is applied to

that numerous and honorable people who immigrated to Pennsylvania at an early date, because during the reign of Charles I, in the year 1641, a massacre of the Irish Protestants occurred in Ireland, when 50,000 were mercilessly butchered, and then it was that many fled to the north of Scotland, from which country the north of Ireland had been colonized by Protestants.

About nine-tenths of the first settlers of York county, then including Adams, were Germans and some small proportion of Cumberland now within the limits of Franklin, was originally settled by them, also some parts of Dauphin, (then Lancaster). We note also that there were a few English among the pioneer settlers in Cumberland county, and it was not until 1760 or 62 that the Germans began to migrate into the Cumberland region. The course of settlement was westward, and from 1750 until 1800 there was a gradual influx across the Tuscarora Mountain westward into what is now the region of Huntingdon, Fulton, Mifflin and part of Juniata counties. Among the early settlers we notice many names which are familiar today, and these pioneers, are very likely ancestors of many of the citizens of Mount Union and vicinity today. Among the Irish and Scotch-Irish we notice the Pattersons, Scotts, Speers, Galbreaths, Andersons, Lowrys, Campbells, Smiths, Ramseys, McIntyres, Cooks, Wilsons, Halls,



Stuarts, Lynns, Browns, Collinses, Kellys, Fultons, Walkers, Petersons, McDonalds, Hunters, Thompsons, Robbs, McCures, Gambles, McClains, and Jenkinses. Among the early Germans we notice such names as Schneider, Salor, Krauss, Fischer, Jacobs, Lang, Miller, Brandt, Schaever, Bollinger and Schwartz.

It might be well to mention that Cumberland county was named after a maritime county in England on the borders of Scotland, and such was established in Pennsylvania in 1750. That our readers might know something of the extent of this county, we quote from an old print: "That all singular lands lying within the province of Pennsylvania to the westward of Susquehanna and northward and westward of the county of York, shall be erected into a county to be called Cumberland." Land was plenty in those days, and the settlers had not the least conception of the vastness of Pennsylvania, much less, the magnitude of the American Continent. But they came this way; they encountered the perils of the frontier; they fought their battles with the Indians; they sacrificed their lives and shed their blood in their search for liberty. The heroism and the intrepidity of our forefathers in Pennsylvania will be never known to us. What they endured and suffered, due to hardship in the wilderness and ill-treatment from the savages, we cannot know; history might tell us, but cold words

cannot feel the pangs of those early days.

Despite dangers, the Whites pressed westward. Over the Tuscaroras they came, and as we noted previously in this sketch, the first settlers in Huntingdon county were found in the region of the Dublins and the Tells, coming this way from Cumberland county and southward. By the middle of the eighteenth century the influx into this section had wonderfully increased. They came this way from Maryland also and settled. They migrated from the East. They migrated from the Fatherland. The Aughwick—and when we speak of this, it includes all this section reaching from what is now Mount Union to the Tuscaroras—was soon populated, though sparsely. The Indian lived side by side with the White. The smoke went upward from the wigwam, and likewise from the cabin. The savage and the settler angled in the same stream, and hunted in the same forest. Now they lived together amicably, now they were stirred to blood-shed and slaughter. So it was, until the Indians were forced toward the setting sun, made to relinquish their title to these “Happy Hunting Grounds,” and pushed farther westward over the barren mountains of Pennsylvania.



Jack's Spring as it is To-day

### IN THE EARLY DAYS

The present site of Mount Union was formerly a wilderness and swamp. There are a few citizens living here yet today who can remember when most all this section here was forest and marsh, and they tell us too, the best they can, owing to old age and failing memory, that in the early days there were only two or three buildings located along the old canal, which was then the center of trade. They tell us also that in their boyhood days they roamed amid these hills and recollections are vivid of uncultivated and desolate timberlands. To the southward and westward tall, stately oaks and pines grew in abundance, and then the hum of the saw mill was unheard, and the stroke of the axe was infrequent. Roadways were few and incomplete. The old highway ran through the heart of what is now Mount Union, connecting the region of the Aughwick with the west, and they tell us that this thoroughfare crossed from east to west somewhere between Shirley and Market streets. Over this old road the stages travelled. Think of the primitive stage-coach; with the shrill of the horn, the yells of the drivers, the crack of the whip, the motley lot of humanity within the vehicle, together with band-boxes and bundles and merchandise galore. The old stage coach rattled and joggled over the rocks of Jacks Narrows, even before the canal was, and to

make the trip in these valleys here in several days was counted extraordinary. - But now this primitive method has gone into oblivion, for the genius of a century has brought the motor car, which speeds us along the same highways at 40 miles and more an hour.

But go back again to the forest and the swamp. Hear the frogs a-croaking, and the whip-poor-wills a-whistling, and the screech owl a-screeching. That was the kind of music Mount Union had in those days. There was no Ganister Brick Works then to throw their bright glare against the midnight sky, thus illuminating the greater portion of the town, but instead, the firebugs, by the thousands, did the best they could, to make light amid the utter darkness. Our venerable informants tell us that some of that portion of the town now lying north of the old railroad bed was swampy, so much so that cattle would frequently get fast if they grazed in that direction. What little land there was around here, that had been cleared, was farmed in the primitive days of the town, but the land then was not of the best for cultivation. They tell us also that sheep grazed upon the commons. Bears and game in abundance lived in close proximity. Think of the desolation of those days, before the hand of man had taken hold to transform the marsh and barren wilderness into an active and prosperous town. But

the long period of evolution has taken place—the lumberman, the farmer, the boatman, the builder, the merchant, the manufacturer, the resident, the minister and the teacher. A remarkable transformation, in less than a hundred years, and when we think of those olden days, associating them with the present time, we cannot help but say: “How changed! how changed!”

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#### **MOUNT UNION'S FIRST SETTLERS**

It has been with considerable difficulty that we have been enabled to find out who the original land holders were of that portion of ground whereupon Mount Union is now built. By inquiry made to the Department of Internal Affairs at Harrisburg, we learn that the first land holders of this section of ground situated along the Juniata River, and reaching back into the region of Hill Valley, and bordering to the west upon Jacks Mountain, were William Morris and Jonathan Morris. It seems that William Morris owned all the land to the east extending around the bend in the river, grounds which recently comprised the farm of W. T. Sheaffer and which are now owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and a portion devoted to North Mount Union. William Morris owned 217 acres and 40 perches, according to a warrant dated June 1, 1762, and surveyed in 1787, and resurveyed Dec. 20, 1816. This land was patented on Feb. 12,



1824, to John Shaver. Adjoining the lands of William Morris was a tract of Jonathan Morris including 194 acres, more or less. The warrant for this ground was dated Sept. 2, 1786, surveyed Oct. 12, 1786, and patented Aug. 10, 1818, to Col. William Postlethwaite. Lying to the southeast, and adjoining the grounds of William Morris, was a tract belonging to James Morris, including these grounds lying now in the vicinity of Ewing's Mill and the lower portion of East Broad Top yard. James Morris owned here 51 acres and 110 perches according to a warrant dated Sept. 2, 1786, and surveyed Oct. 12, 1786. John Shaver owned a tract of 136 acres and 24 perches, more or less, adjoining the lands of William Morris and James Morris to the south. This warrant is dated June 28, 1815, and was surveyed Dec. 20, 1816. It was patented Dec. 25, 1830 to Henry, Nicholas, William and Peter Shaver, his sons. Lands to the west, to the extent of 21 acres and 50 perches, seem to have been warranted on Mar. 3, 1789, to John Hollinshead, surveyed Mar. 5, 1798 and patented June 7, 1806.

Lands lying to the west, including what is now Jefferson Heights, were early owned by the Pollocks. Col. William Pollock, who resided in this section, was the man who named Mt. Union.

**COL. WILLIAM POSTLETHWAITE**

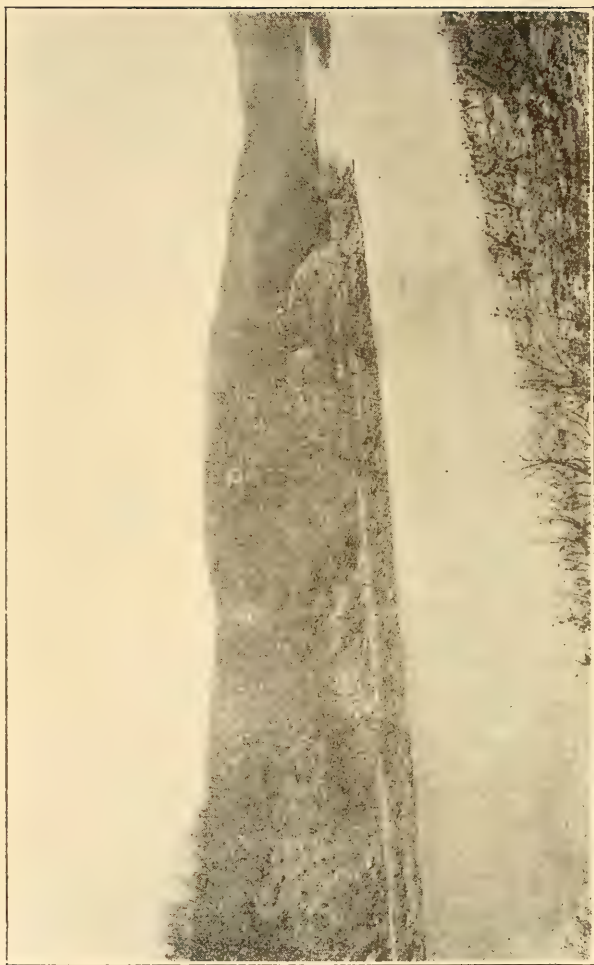
Col. William Postlethwaite, who was one of the first land-owners here, came with his wife, Elizabeth from Carlisle, to Wayne township, Mifflin county, and they remained there until about 1798, when they came across the river, into the region of Shirley township (now Mount Union) and settled on lands previously bought from Jonathan Morris. Col. Postlethwaite's grandfather came from England to Lancaster, Pa., at an early date, and in his house the first county court of Lancaster was held. The Colonel's father was married first to Hannah Wright, the children being William, (the Colonel) John, who resided in Jefferson county, and Susan who died young. The second time the Colonel's father, or John Postlethwaite, married a Miss Irvin, and the children were: Thomas I., Samuel, Mary, Jane and Elizabeth. Thomas I., married Mary Elizabeth Drake, and they are the grandfather and grandmother of Mrs. Henry McGarvey of Mount Union, her father's name being Jackson Postlethwaite. Elizabeth, one of the three half sisters of Col. Wm. Postlethwaite, married James Drake, who was the grandfather of D. S. Drake now of Huntingdon, and the son of Samuel Drake, Sr., the founder of Drake's Ferry.

Col. William Postlethwaite was the father of the following children: John, who died in Illinois; Jane, who died in infancy; Thomas, born on Feb. 24,

1793, and died in Mifflin county in 1862. This Thomas Postlethwaite married Ann Dorland, and of their family of 13 children, one was Thomas Fisher Postlethwaite of Mount Union, (now 82 years old). Other children of Col. Wm. Postlethwaite were: Hannah; William, who died in this county in 1826; Elizabeth, who married Jonathan Doyle and Elinor, who was the mother of the late Dr. W. P. McNite, of Shirleysburg.

#### **DRAKE'S FERRY**

Drake's Ferry, which flourished before the canal was built, was established by Samuel Drake, Sr., in 1783. This Samuel Drake served in the Revolutionary War his service being prior to that date. Samuel Drake was was the grandfather of Franklin Drake of Newton Hamilton and Mrs. Rebecca Ross of Mount Union, and the great grandfather of D. S. Drake, of Huntingdon and they trace their lineage back to Sir Francis Drake, the celebrated English Admiral and explorer. This Samuel Drake was a native of New Jersey, born about 1754. The establishment of the ferry was a notable enterprise and was the only crossing place on the Juniata River for the traveling public, situated along the thoroughfare running from Standing Stone and the west to Shirley Chambersburg, Hagerstown, Harper's Ferry and Baltimore. The route was originally an Indian trail, and was afterwards used by the Whites as a road. A tavern was connected with this



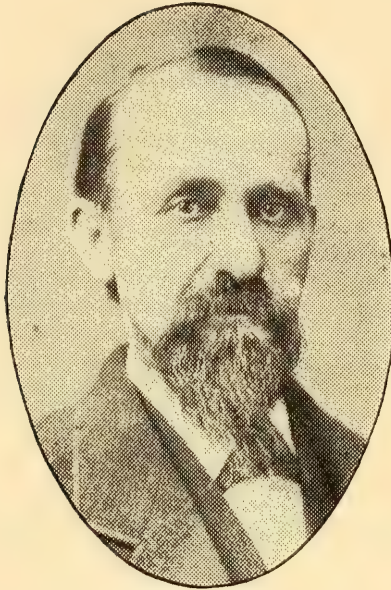
In the Vicinity of Drake's Ferry

ferry, where travelers would generally stop over night and proceed on their way in the morning. The tavern and stables were on the north side of the river, just west of the old county bridge. In 1783 Samuel Drake came into possession of 50 acres of land known as the ferry tract, and later (1790) took up 150 additional acres, which was known as the Matilda furnace farm. This furnace was built about 1836 and named after a daughter of Samuel Drake, who was married to Capt. Caldwell, who died from a wound received in the Mexican War.

In 1795 Samuel Drake came into possession of 95 more acres of ground just east of the furnace property, and later this was the homestead farm of his son, James. About 300 acres of land, then, were owned in the vicinity of Mount Union, by Mr. Drake. He ran the ferry until his two sons, James and Samuel, Jr., were old enough to take charge. James, who was the grandfather of D. S. Drake of Huntingdon, ran the ferry until about 1820, when the construction of the canal started. The canal, however, was not completed until 1839.

The following stanza is from W. W. Fuller:

And here a century old to-day  
 The old Ferry lives in name!  
 How bright the story of its years!  
 How far its patrons came!  
 What bustling life, what moving wealth,  
 Confided in the skill,  
 Of one tradition praises well,  
 And loves his memory still!



### **John Shaver**

Son of Samuel Shaver, and grandson of  
Major John Shaver.

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#### **THE SHAVER KINDRED**

The Shaver kindred figured very extensively in the early days of Mount Union. There are many Shavers in this section today, posterity of the old Major John Shaver, who came to this place from the Aughwick Valley, about 1797. He is the progenitor of the Shaver kin in and around Mount Union. John Shaver was one of the original land-holders here. He later purchased lands from William Morris, and the Colestocks. At one time, John Shaver owned all the land, now Mount Union, reaching from Division street to the river, thence to the Hill



Valley line, and thence southeast as far as the Jacob Lohr farm. John Shaver had ten children, as follows:

1. SAMUEL, who married Katharine Vandevander and who had 8 children, as follows: John, (father of Mrs. W. T. Bell of town; Nevin Shaver of Harrisburg, and Bert Shaver of Mifflintown); Peter, (who built the Hanawalt, Dr. Campbell and the Adams Store properties in town, and who was also the father of Newville Shaver of Robertsdale, Edgar of Turtle Creek, Thomas of East Liberty, Lavanche and Mrs. Anna Vincent of East Liberty, and North C. Shaver, deceased); William, (who was the father of Mrs. J. Bruce Davis of Reedsville, Mrs. Mary K. Brown of Jersey Shore, Harry, late of Huntingdon, (deceased) and Charles, late of Altoona, (deceased); Calvin, long dead; Mary, Mrs. Michael McCloskey, of Iowa, and who was the mother of 5 children, Thomas, John, Edward, Joseph and Annie; Sarah (Mrs. Taylor Postlethwaite, deceased); and Martha, (Mrs. Geo. Robinson, who resided at Shippensburg.

Abram, the eldest son, died when 21.

2. JACOB, who lived at Newton Hamilton. His children were: Wesley, Morris and one daughter, all deceased, and one daughter, Mrs. Tillie Linn, living in Bellwood. Jacob was twice married, both times to Miss Morrisons.

3. HENRY, (married to Hannah Morrison), who owned the Ewing Mill property, and also resided in what was later the E. B. T. Company house, along the Shirley road, now owned by

Chas. Brown and occupied by Frank Miller's family. This was formerly the Geo. Foreman home. Henry's children were: Mrs. John Gayton, deceased; Mrs. W. G. Ewing, deceased; and H. Clay Shaver, who resides in Pasadena, Cal., and Mrs. Margaret Kiel, deceased.

4. JOHN, who formerly lived at Aughwick, on the farm, later occupied by John Reck. He had one daughter, Mrs. Peninah Brown, mother of Mrs. Maggie Clinger, and grandmother of S. G. Clinger, both of Mt. Union. To the second wife his children were: Myrtle and Mrs. Annie Cruse of Huntingdon; Lizzie of Kansas; and Millard, Orman and Carey of the West. John Shaver's first wife was Jane Hanawalt and his second wife was Sarah King.

5. GEORGE, who married Margaret McIlhaney and who moved to Illinois.

We have learned that George married Margaret McIlhaney and lived for some time in Hares Valley and afterwards moved to Ipavia, Fulton county, Ill., probably about 1843. His children were: Mary, Catharine, John, Pamela, Annie, Margaret and Samuel.

6. NICHOLAS, (married to Keziah Etnier), who resided across from the homestead, who later built the brick, now owned by the E. B. T. R. R. Co., near their yard and now occupied by John Mahon. The children of Nicholas are: George W., of Kansas, (deceased); Mrs. S. B. Taylor of Huntingdon; Joseph R., of Virginia, (deceased); Harry, late of Mount Union; David E., of Mount Union; Mrs. Ada

Fultz of town also; and Mrs. Matilda Barras of Oil City.

7. PETER, (who married Margaret Morrow), was also located in Mount Union, along what is Shirley street, and his children are: Mrs. Eva Bare of town; Exie, of town; Mrs. C. B. Bowles, (deceased) late of Philadelphia; Maggie, (deceased); and James M., also a resident of town.

8. KATHARINE, Mrs. Jos. Langston, who resided near Lewistown. Her children were: Mary Ann, (Mrs. Beck of Altoona); Mrs. Martha Taylor, James, Isabella, (Mrs. Thomas Mays), John and William, all of Illinois; Catharine, ((Mrs. Stouch) of Altoona; McConnell, of Colorado; Elizabeth, (Mrs. John Freeland), of Illinois; Joseph, died in infancy.

9. ANN, Mrs. John Morrison, formerly resided on the Morrison Place, the farm now owned and occupied by Thos. Harper at Aughwick. She was the mother of John Morrison, late of Tyrone; Miss Mary Morrison, late of Mount Union; Mrs. David Etnier, deceased; and Mrs. Samuel Eby, also deceased.

10. WILLIAM, (married to Catharine Wallace), who resided on the homestead place. He died in 1855. His children are: Mrs. Anna Seidel, (deceased); Mrs. Amanda Covert (deceased) late of Trenton, N. J.; Nora, Mrs. W. T. Sheaffer of Mount Union; Joanna, Mrs. John S. Bare of Huntingdon; Katharine, Mrs. Heller of Altoona.

William Shaver, who resided in the

"stone mansion," was Captain of the Aughwick Valley militia until it disbanded in 1852. Peter Ripple was a member of that company, grandfather of Jeff and Benjamin Ripple, formerly of Orbisonia.

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There is another connection of Shavers associated with Mount Union, who are related with the above; they are the descendants of Peter, who resided in Hill Valley and Samuel, better known as (Yankee) Sam, who resided to the west of Samuel, the son of John Shaver, mentioned above. Peter Shaver, just mentioned, was the father of John S. Shaver, George Derrick, Bower and Mrs. Thos. Galbraith and Mrs. Henry Shaffer, all residing in town; also Jacob, who resides in Ontario, Cal. (Yankee) Sam was the father of Bryson, now residing in town; also J. White, Mrs. Elsie Sharrar, and Mrs. Belle Decker, all deceased.

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John Shaver, the progenitor, divided his lands among his sons. William and Nicholas owned the section from Shirley street and Division to the river, including the E. B. T. yard, and the green. Peter owned the portion south of Shirley street and reaching to James Shaver's upper farm. Thereon, Samuel resided and owned lands adjoining what is now the land of John Roberts. Henry Shaver owned the Ewing Mill property and the land along the Shirleysburg road, later known as the E. B. T. R. R. farm, lying between what is now Allenport,

and the Jacob Lohr farm. What is now the Lloyd Bare tract, just south-east of town, was formerly included in the Peter Shaver tract. The Chestnut Ridge land was also divided between the above named sons.

NOTE.—According to information taken from the records in the Court House, Nicholas Shaver, (whose wife's name was Elizabeth), purchased land near Aughwick Mills, by deed dated May 24, 1785, and other land in 1787. He died about 1810 and sons, Peter and John, were the administrators of his estate. His children were as follows:—Peter, John, Jacob, Leonard, Phebe, Susannah, Catharine and one daughter, unknown. Peter, whose wife's name was Catharine, lived in Hill Valley and was the father of Peter, and grandfather of John S., Bower, Geo. Derrick, Mrs. Thos. Galbraith and Mrs. Henry Shaffer of town. He was also the father of Samuel, (Yankee Sam), who lived where John Roberts now lives, and grandfather of Samuel Bryson Shaver and others. John (Major John) who built the stone house east of town in 1818, father of Samuel, Jacob, John (Sheriff), Henry, Nicholas, Ann, William, Catharine, George and Peter and grandfather of many in this section.

Major John Shaver was born Sept. 11, 1762, and died Oct. 16, 1829. His wife, whose name was Mary Glass, died Apr. 14, 1845, in her 75th year. They are buried in the cemetery just east of the stone house. Jacob, whose wife's name was Elizabeth, lived in Westmoreland Co., Pa., in 1813. Leonard, who married Rachel Ricketts, daughter of Hezekiah Ricketts, Sr., of Hill Valley. He lived in Mercer Co., in 1813. Phebe, who married Caspar Booher, who lived in Hill Valley, the same farm since occupied by his children and grandchildren. Susannah, who married Peter Snyder, who lived in Hill Valley, since occupied by

his children and grandchildren.

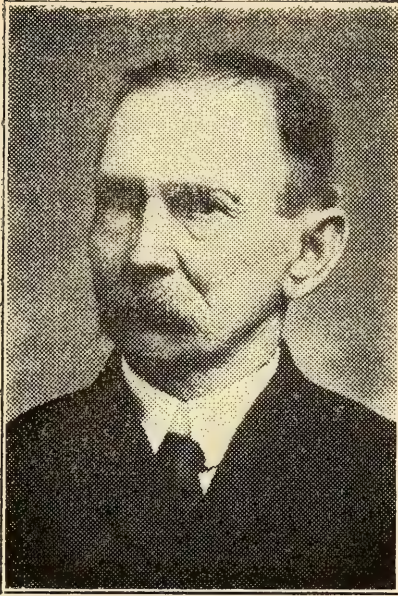
Catharine, who married Joseph Cochour. They lived on the east side of Chestnut Ridge, about a mile and a half from the Juniata River. A daughter (name unknown) married a Mr. Ripple.

It is said that the above Nicholas Shaver's father, whose name was also Nicholas, came from Germany and settled in the Shenandoah Valley, Va., at a very early day, and that he had three children—Isaiah, Catherine and Nicholas.

At one time the Shavers, and their relatives through marriage with the families of Casper Booher, Peter Snyder and Hezekiah Ricketts, owned one continuous line of adjoining farms about 5 miles long, extending from the Juniata River at the bend where the Creosoting plant is located, up through Hill Valley almost to where the Brewster tannery stood.

DAVID E. SHAVER, one of the sons of Nicholas Shaver, and a grandson of Major John Shaver, the progenitor of the Shaver clan, was born April 1, 1845, in town. He remained on the farm with his father until 1865, when the war broke out, when he enlisted and spent one year in the service of Company K, 202nd Pennsylvania Volunteers. Returning from the war, Mr. Shaver farmed for a year and afterwards entered into the mercantile business at Julian Furnace, Centre county, 1866 to 1871. In 1870 he was married to Miss Emma Fee, at that time from Mount Union. In 1871, however, Mr. Shaver and wife came back to Mount Union and took up residence in the old homestead, where, until 1876, Mr. Shaver was a tiller of the soil. He went to Pittsburg in '76 and entered the employ of the Keystone Bridge Co., where he spent three years. In 1879 he again returned to Mount Union and farmed with his father, Nicholas Shaver, until 1884, the time of his father's death. Mr. Shaver





**David E. Shaver**

then entered into the mercantile business on the corner now occupied by H. S. Smelker of town. In 1888 he sold to the present occupant, who continues the business until this day. Mr. Shaver's wife died in 1893. He was remarried in 1906 to Miss Elizabeth Isenberg of Huntingdon, and together they reside in their residence on Market street. Mr. Shaver has one adopted daughter, Mrs. George E. De-Frehn, of Johnstown. He has served in various offices in the town, being Burgess and Justice of the Peace at stated times. He is a carpenter by trade, and a Presbyterian by faith. He was for many years a member of the N. G. P.

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**THE PIONEER BUILDINGS.**

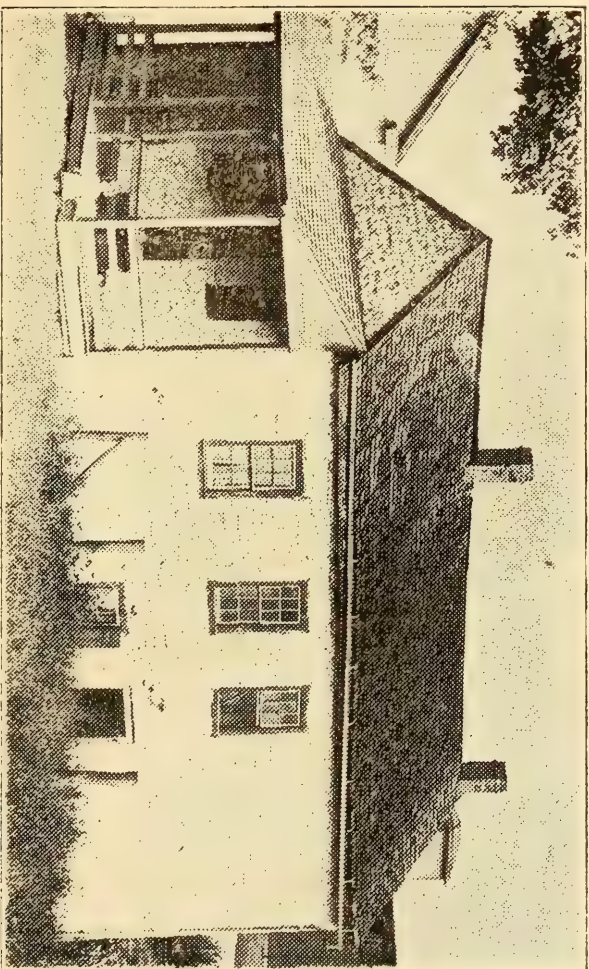
According to information received,

the pioneer building in what is now Mount Union was a stone house, which stood in the vicinity of Drake's Ferry on this side of the river, however, and this house was occupied by Col. William Pollock. Col. Pollock was also the pioneer merchant in this region; and even more than this, for it was he who gave the name of Mount Union to our thriving town back in the latter days of the 18th century. Pollock was the first Postmaster that Mount Union had, and according to the narrative, it was said that when asked for a name for this little office, he contributed that of "Mount Union," in consequence of the union of mountains at this point. The name is after all quite significant, and as was stated in the beginning of this article, Nature named us centuries past, but it remained for the first postmaster, William Pollock, to make this known to the world. \*

The old stone house mentioned above stood until a year or two before the war, probably 1858 or '59, when, according to information received from D. E. Shaver of town, it was destroyed by a train, wrecking, and running into it. John Mapes resided in this old house for a number of years, being the father of a large family of boys.

The oldest house in this section is probably the stone mansion belonging to Mrs. W. T. Sheaffer, just east of

\* It is claimed by good authority also that John Dougherty named Mount Union. The above narrative is taken from Hon. Simpson Africa's History.



The First House in Mount Union Proper

town, erected in 1818.

Fortunately, the oldest, as well as the first house in what is now Mount Union Proper, is still in existence, is in good state of preservation, and we are glad to present a view of it in connection with this article. It is the old stone house which stands on Water street opposite the brick building wherein is now the residence and store of Lewis Noble, formerly the building in which the Central Bank was located. This old stone house is now owned by T. A. Appleby. Could this old structure speak, it could tell us interesting data concerning the primitive history of our town. This house was built by John Sharrar in 1841, and in early days the owner kept a store therein. He also built in the same year, a warehouse opposite Division street, from the stone house, directly west of where Davis' house now stands. The warehouse has been torn down in the last decade to meet the demands of improvement and progress. John Sharrar owned three acres, and 141 perches of land in the vicinity of this old house and the first survey made, around which might be said to have been the nucleus of the town, was one made in 1841 by Col. Wm. Pollock, for the said John Sharrar. Sharrar was one of the early members of the faith of John Wesley in the village of Mount Union. It seems that he came here from somewhere in the Aughwick Valley, However, the writer has no definite information

regarding the authenticity of this statement.

In 1848, the eventful year that gold was discovered in California, James Kelley and Dr. William Brewster built what was known, until recent years as the Old Warehouse, situated at the eastern end of Mount Union. They also built the old tavern in close proximity. The tavern is standing today, and belongs to Mrs. W. T. Sheaffer, Mrs. J. S. Bare and Mrs. R. S. Heller, but the warehouse was partially destroyed by fire a few years ago, and being in a dilapidated condition it was later torn down and the good timbers in it used for other purposes. Clustering around the "Old Warehouse," is an interesting history. In the early days, tons and tons of merchandise were imported and exported to and from that place. It was in reality the "center of town" as well as the center of trade for this region of country, where agriculture was the dominant industry. Situated along the canal the boats would stop there to load and unload their cargoes. Kelley & Brewster were succeeded in business at the Old Warehouse stand by Geo. W. Speer and after him John W. Smith of Newton Hamilton purchased the property. George McLaughlin bought the property later in company with John Bare, and they remained in partnership for about a year when McLaughlin and Son continued the business, Bare resigning. About 1868 William K. Woods of

Huntingdon purchased the stand, and he owned it until a few years before it was destroyed by fire. In the latter days the warehouse was used as a dwelling, several families residing therein, notwithstanding the inconveniences as the result of its dilapidation. The old tavern today is occupied by tenants.

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### SANTA FE AND CLINTONVILLE

Santa Fe is the second oldest town in the United States, being the capital of New Mexico. It is more than this, for it was the first name given to what might be termed Mount Union Proper. The warehouse and tavern properties were called by the builders, Kelley and Brewster, "Sante Fe" and for a time there seemed to be a sharp rivalry as to which would survive. In fact, as to the information gleaned from our oldest residents, the eastern end of the village was Santa Fe and the Narrows end was Mount Union. Clintonville was also another ephemeral name that developed like Jonah's gourd and became associated with our primitive history for a short time. E. K. Rogers tells us that Clintonville did not last long and vanished about as quickly as it came into existence. It was within what are now the borough limits, situated at the southern end of the canal bridge in early days. Clintonville consisted of a large shanty and a few smaller ones, and was owned by Mr. Rosenberg. It probably received its name after Gov. De Witt



Clinton, the hero of the Erie Canal in New York State, also associated with "Clinton's big ditch" opened in the administration of President J. Q. Adams in United States history.

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### THE OLD CANAL

We read much and hear a great deal these days about the Panama Canal, which is in the course of construction, and which promises to be one of the greatest engineering feats undertaken during the present century. When the Pennsylvania canal was started in 1829 and 1830, it was considered one of the greatest achievements of the age, and the completion of it was hailed with extraordinary enthusiasm in 1839. It was truly, a great accomplishment, for the stage and the covered wagon that was previously hauled over these mountains of Pennsylvania were superseded by something more advanced and progressive. Says an early editorial in the *Huntingdon Gazette* dated Jan. 27, 1825: "Turnpike roads had their day, and now we are all agog in this and in many other parts of the country on the subject of canaling. In Philadelphia, a society, at the head of which we find Matthew Carey, has been formed to promote internal improvements. This society has set to work in good earnest to convince the public, by written essays, of the necessity and advantage of having a canal to unite the eastern and western waters of

the Juniata route; but whether their laudable views will be seconded by the Legislature is very questionable."

A convention of delegates, representing nearly all the counties of the Commonwealth, was soon after held at Harrisburg, and the matter of internal improvements was considered. This convention met Aug. 4, 1825, and John Blair of Blairs Gap and John Scott of Alexandria were chosen to represent Huntingdon county. The matter of opening up the Susquehanna and Juniata regions by canal was ably discussed and by an act of Assembly on Feb. 25, 1826, the commencement of the "Pennsylvania Canal" was authorized. On March 4, 1828, the commissioners were instructed to continue the canal progress westward from Lewistown. On Oct. 15, 1828, contracts were let at Lewistown for the section passing through Huntingdon county and beyond.

According to information received from our townsman, William Sneath, who boated for a number of years on the canal, this enterprise was completed in 1839. The canal was 193 miles long, and contained 71 locks. There seemed to have been four lines of boats in those early days, which plied the canal in particular: Bingham's Line, Pennsy and Ohio Line, Union Line, and the D. Leech & Co., Line. The names of these various lines were painted in conspicuous

letters upon the sides of the boats, the name of the Leech Line however, was distinguished from the others by red letters. The canal boats started in the early spring and continued until the late fall, when the weather became too cold for them. They were run day and night, two crews having charge. There were several kind of boats in operation in those days. The line boats, were towed between Columbia and Hollidaysburg only, The section boats were run from Philadelphia on truck to Columbia then launched on the canal and towed to Hollidaysburg, then they were again lifted and hauled over the old Portage railroad to Conemaugh, where they were relaunched and towed to Pittsburg. There were tide-water boats, which were heavier than the line and section boats, and these were towed from Hollidaysburg to Columbia, thence to Wrightsville, and down the tide-water canal to Havre de Grace and thence up the bay to Baltimore by steamboat. These tide-water boats would also go to Philadelphia going from the Chesapeake Bay to Back Creek, to Chesapeake City, and Delaware City up the Delaware Bay to Philadelphia, taken up the bay, however, by steamboat. Packet boats ran over the canal, which were more rapid, and they carried passengers and mail, also express at times. "Store-boats" ran occasionally too, and these would exchange merchandise for produce to

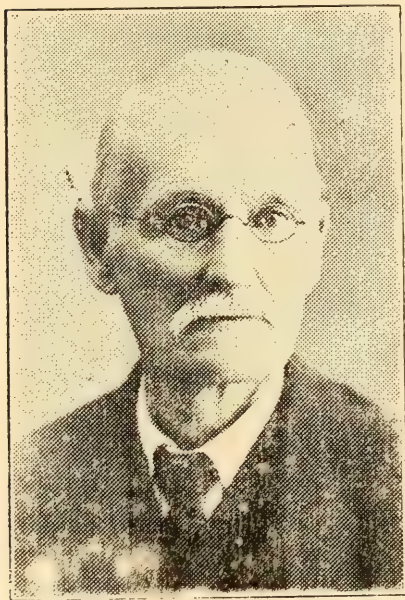
the people along the route. Mr. Sneath tells us that nine days and nights from Hollidaysburg to Baltimore was about the record run in those days. This was a slow process, considering the rapid freight and passenger movement of today, when in 18 hours a train goes from New York City to Chicago.

The scenery, riding along the old canal, must have been sublime, winding through these picturesque mountain passes and following the waters of the "Blue Juniata." Charles Dickens, the eminent English novelist, made the trip past Mount Union in the forties, but aside from the magnificent scenery, his description was not very favorable of America. He was not used to conquest and frontier, and that was probably the reason for his utter discouragement.

The canal boats carried tons and tons of freight. Store boats ran occasionally also, which stopped and sold goods, groceries and the like directly to the people. From the furnaces in the lower end of the county, iron was shipped in the early days from here by canal boat. Grain and merchandise were also hauled here, from Shade Gap and out in that section, prior to the establishment of railroads. The boats on the canal were generally about 13½ feet wide and 86 feet long. Among the old boaters known around here are: William Sneath, John S. Shaver,

E. K. Rogers, Louis Morgan (deceased), George Derrick, (deceased), J. White Shaver, (deceased). The old canal has passed. The railroad has succeeded it, and what will succeed the railroad, is the question of the twentieth century. Perhaps it will be the air-ship, now dawning into the realm of usefulness in the midst of our present civilization.

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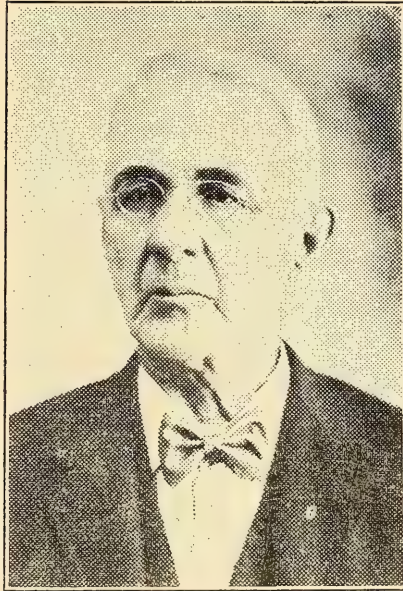


WILLIAM SNEATH is one of the old boatmen of this community, perhaps being associated with that business longer than any other man around here. Mr. Sneath entered

the boat service when ten years old, and worked at it for a number of years. He was one of a crew who helped to boat the soldiers to Hollidaysburg to join the ranks of General Taylor during the Mexican War. Mr. Sneath was born Mar. 15, 1836 in Porter township, near Alexandria. He was married Feb. 3, 1859 to Miss Anna Eliza Dunlap. He is the father of eight children, of whom, five are living: Mrs. Harry Fleck of Huntingdon; Mrs. John Reck of Mount Union; Mrs. George Burket and L. R. Sneath, also of town; another son, Asbury, resides in the western part of the state. For a number of years, Mr. Sneath was the baggage-master, and for a number of years later, watchman in the E. B. T. yard at this place. He is an expert angler also, and enjoys the sport exceedingly. He spent many days piloting the late Dr. Royer about the Juniata upon his annual fishing tours. He is making his home with his children in his old days, also with Mr. Murrey of Altoona, at his Aughwick summer-home. Mr. Sneath's wife died a few years ago.





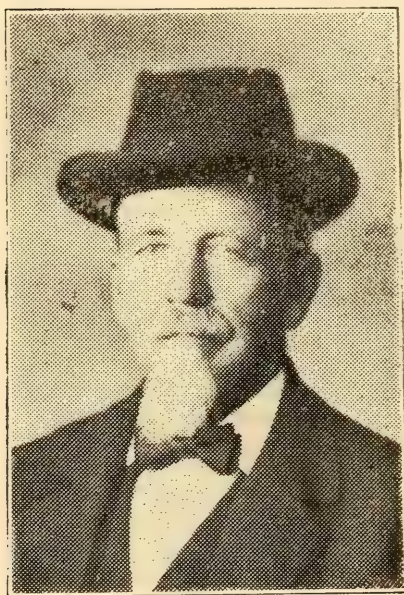
**MOUNT UNION'S OLDEST RESI-  
DENTS****JOHN S. SHAVER**

John S. Shaver, was born in Hill Valley August 15, 1831. He was a son of a Peter Shaver and the grandson of a Peter Shaver also. He was one of a family of 14, of whom there are living: David of Oregon; Jacob of Ontario, Cal.; George D. Bower, Kezziah (Mrs. Henry Shaffer), Isabella (Mrs. Thomas Galbraith), all of town. Mr. Shaver was one of the earliest residents of Mount Union. When a boy from 6 to 10 years old he traversed these regions, then covered with

oaks and pines. He tells us that in the early days he used to bring produce to market at the store of John Purcell at the east end of town. Mr. Shaver was married to Miss Margaret Kling of Concord, Oct. 5, 1854. For two years he resided in Hill Valley, locating upon the old homestead. Having learned the carpenter trade he was proficient along this line, and in 1855 he purchased a lot and built the house on Division Street, Mount Union, where he now resides. It was in 1856 that Mr. Shaver moved to Mount Union, and he has lived here ever since that time. His children are as follows: Sarah, Mrs. David Long, of Hill Valley; Mrs. Annie Kirk of town; Lincoln at home. Ambrose of Carnegie, Pa.; Dorris and Morris are dead. Mr. Shaver has seen the development of Mount Union ever since it was a small village. Having located here in early days he has been much interested in the progress of the town since his coming. With hatchet and saw he has erected and helped to erect many of the most substantial buildings in Mount Union. Where Longacre's store now stands Mr. Shaver had his carpenter shop years ago. Of late years he has retired from carpenter work. Mr. Shaver owns the buildings which adjoin his dwelling house, these he having erected himself some years ago. He was drafted into service the time of the war and taken to Carlisle, where he was given an honorable discharge without enter-

ing active duty. Mr. Shaver tells us that when he first came to Mount Union the east side of what is now Shirley Street was farm land and commons, and he also informs us that during the time of the war soldiers encamped upon this ground lying between Shirley Street and the old Pennsylvania Railroad line. Mr. Shaver has been around Mount Union since 1840, his birthplace having been about two miles up the valley.

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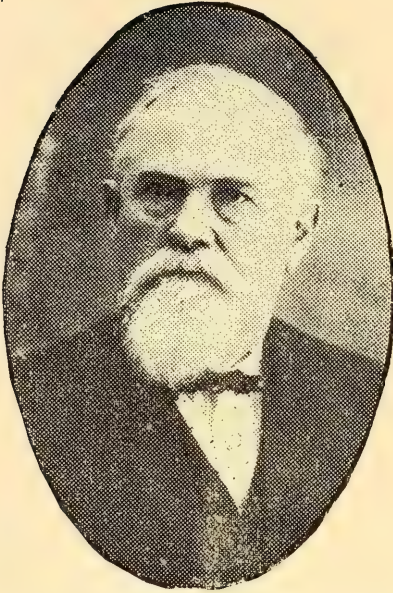
**ELIAS K. ROGERS**

Elias K. Rogers was born near Nossville, this county, Nov. 25, 1833.

His father's name was James Rogers, and with his family he moved to Mount Union in the fall of 1839. In 1840 the Rogers family moved into a log house in the vicinity of what is now Allenport. He tells us that a school had been held therein in 1838 in charge of a Mr. Cooper. From that place the Rogers family moved to Mapleton, locating along the canal. E. K. Rogers, as a young man, spent considerable time on the canal as a packet driver. From 1849 until 1857 he drove boats between Lewistown and Huntingdon. He moved back to Mount Union and settled in the old stone house now occupied by W. T. Sheaffer in 1858. James Thompson occupied one end of this house at that time. Mr. Rogers bought the lot where his house now stands in 1858 and erected thereupon. For this lot in those days he paid \$17. He moved into his house in 1860. During this time and until March 24, 1868 he was employed on the railroad as a watchman about the bridge and in the cut below town. Retiring from railroad service, he started teaming. He was married Oct. 21, 1852, to Peninah Buckley, daughter of Henry Buckley and to that union 13 children were born, eleven of whom are living. They are: George of Warriors Ridge; Annie, Mrs. Landis Hawn of Huntingdon; William at home; Belle, Mrs. Robert Saxton, of Homestead; Robert of Washington, D. C.; Malissa, Mrs. Lawrence White, of Huntingdon; Sherman of Shade Gap; Libby, Mrs.

John Harvey, of Walls, Pa.; Mattie and Dolly at home; Jesse, Mrs. John Price, of Homestead. Mrs. Rogers died in 1890. E. K. Rogers has been a member of the Methodist church for 50 years. He has 59 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was elected constable first in 1864 and with the exception of about 12 years has served ever since in that capacity. The old stone school-house, which stood near the alley, within the recollection of some of our oldest residents, Mr. Rogers tore down and used the stone therein to build the wall for his present house. His house was one of the first erected in this part of the town.





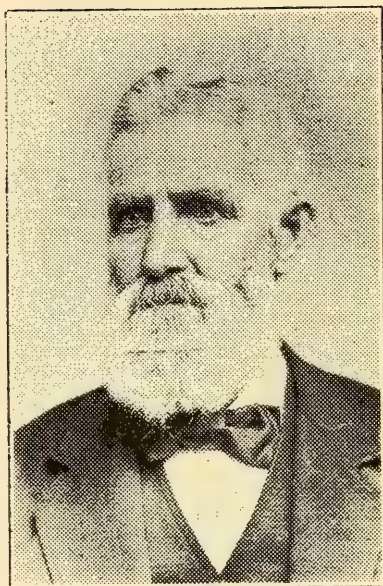
### CASTNER MILLER

Castner Miller was born in Cassville June 27, 1840, and came to Mount Union in the spring of 1850 when he was 10 years old. He was a son of Samuel Miller, Esq., an extensive land-holder of Mount Union in the early days. Mr. Miller worked upon his father's farm, the family having resided in both Smith and Trough Creek Valleys, prior to coming to Mount Union. Relinquishing farm duties in 1862, he went to Venango County and found employment in the oil regions. He returned, however, to Mount Union, in 1864 and worked on the railroad until



1876, when he took charge of a sand bank at McVeytown. In 1878 he came back to Mount Union and on March 1879, he entered the employ- of the Adams Express Co., and re- mained their efficient agent at Mount Union until January 1, 1908. Mr. Miller married Miss Helen A. Benner of Lewistown Aug. 23, 1860. He is the father of 11 children, three of whom are living, namely; Henry H. of Altoona; Mrs. John Norton and Mrs. E. Clark Fields of town. Those deceased are: Wm., Ida, Bertha, Blanche, John, McCune, Annie and Grace. When the Miller family came to Mount Union they settled in a large shanty lying to the west of the Pennsylvania Freight Office. Shortly after, Mr. Miller's father erected the brick house across Wash- ington Street from the freight office, now occupied by James Beaston. Mr. Miller has been associated with the railroad and express here from the time that one track came through the town. He is now living retired.



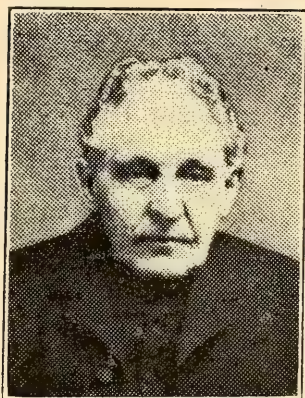


### FISHER POSTLETHWAITE

Fisher Postlethwaite was born July 7, 1827 in Long Hollow. He was the son of Thomas F. Postlethwaite and the grandson of Col. William Postlethwaite. Mr. Postlethwaite has spent most of his life in the vicinity of Mount Union. For many years he was in the coal business. He married Miss Sally Bond of near McVeytown. His children are as follows: Hattie, Mrs. Banks Doty, of Philadelphia, Lavinia, dead, Charlie of Turtle Creek; Richard and Howard at home; James deceased. Mrs. Postlethwaite is probably the oldest woman in Mount Union today having been

born March 24, 1825. They are among Mount Union's oldest residents also and have seen it grow from a mere village to a thriving town.

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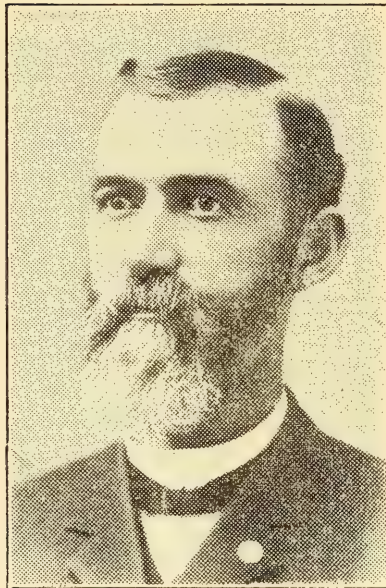
### **Mr. Alfred Simons**

Alfred Simons was born in Perry County, May 13, 1832, the son of Samuel and Mary Simons. Mr. Simons received his early education in the common schools of Mifflin and Huntingdon counties. He learned cabinet-making and undertaking, which have been his occupation ever since, at the age of 18. He came to Mount Union in 1860 and entered into business. He married Miss Lucy A. Pincin more than 50 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Simons reside on Water Street, where they have been located since their coming to Mount Union. Mr. Simons is well known throughout Central Pennsylvania as an efficient undertaker, and having

relinquished business himself a few years ago, he is now in the employ of W. P. Dunmire (undertaker) of our town. Mr. Simons is a member of the Odd Fellows, and during his time has occupied various borough offices.

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#### FIRST MAN BORN IN TOWN



Dr. W. F. Sharrer of Delphi, Ind., is the first man born in Mount Union proper. We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Sharrer himself, dated Oct. 22, 1909, and he writes as follows: "Yours of the 20th at hand.

Yes, I claim to be the first child born in Mount Union proper. I was

born March 8, 1842 in the old stone house on the Canal, where my parents lived and kept a general store, in one end of it. My father, John Sharrer, was born near Shirleysburg in 1806. My mother was Margaret Jane Askin, of Shirleysburg, born in 1811. After their marriage in 1836, my father kept a general store at a place called Stonerstown, but moved to Mount Union in 1839 or '40 and kept a general store. When the Canal was opened, he had several boats of his own running to Philadelphia, carrying the produce of Germany Valley and the surrounding country to market and bringing the goods used in the store back from Philadelphia. My first days of schooling were at an old school house out by the mill about 2 miles, on the Shirleysburg Road. After this there was a school house built at Mount Union. I attended the Shirleysburg Academy in the fifties. I enlisted in the Army from Fulton County, in 1861, the 77th Pennsylvania Infantry. I was discharged from that Regiment in 1863 on account of injuries. Again I enlisted in 22nd Pennsylvania Cavalry in a short time, and was mustered out as 1st Lieutenant Co., K, 22 Pennsylvania Cavalry, on Oct. 31st, 1865. I had attended one course in medicine before the war in Philadelphia. After the close of the war I came west and finished my Medical Education at the Medical Department of Iowa University and graduated

from there. I practiced a few years in Illinois, then in 1874 I located at this place and have been constantly in active practice ever since, and will be, likely, till the last call comes. I had hoped to visit Mount Union this summer but, failed to find the time to get away, but am hoping if my life is spared, to get back and climb old Jack's Mountain, again before the last Roll Call. Will you give my best regards to any old friends, I may still have, living in or around Mt. Union? This little history of my birth and my parents is from memory. I was quite a good sized boy when the P. R. R. was building and well remember the fight between the Karkonians and Fardoms in the Narrows, where they were building the road. Several were killed on both sides. I rode on the first train that passed over the road with my father and Gen. A. P. Wilson of Huntingdon. I well remember Bruce Petrican and Gen. Wilson were the great lawyers of Huntingdon County, at that time, also John Cesna of Bedford. These men were intimate friends of my father. I thank you very much for the cut of the old house, I shall treasure it. Let me know when your book is out. You may use any part of this letter that may suit you.

Courteously Yours,

W. F. Sharrer.



## Prominent Men Who Have Passed

### JOHN DOUGHERTY

John Dougherty was born in Waynesburg, now McVeytown July 25, 1803 and died in Pittsburg Nov 12, 1886. Mr. Dougherty was one of the influential men in the early days of Mount Union. He was one of those men who was able to do things. He was far-sighted and possessed a genius which was extraordinary. Mr. Dougherty spent his boyhood days in McVeytown. He entered into the mercantile business there in early manhood. He moved to Hollidaysburg later in life and it was there that he resided until 1847, in the spring of which year he with his family came to Mount Union. Mr. Dougherty married Catharine McElheny of Doylesburg, Franklin county, and to this union 8 children were born as follows: Edward, Mary, Theodore, (killed on the railroad in 1865), Eugene of Washington, Ind., Victoria of Mount Union, Victor and Gerald. The only two surviving are Victoria and Eugene. Mr. Dougherty was an old man when many of our oldest residents now were in their prime. He came to Mount Union in the days when there was no town, moving on canal boat. He was always interested in making Mt. Union one of the most glorious spots on earth. He possessed too a literary genius, having an ambition for poetry; he was a brainy man. No one alighting from the cars at Mount Union in those

days when Mr. Dougherty lived need meet any difficulty in finding "Old John Dougherty," as he was then known. He was known throughout Central Pennsylvania as a man having done much for progress and civilization throughout the central part of the State. When Mr. Dougherty came to this place he located in what was known as the farm house situated near where Joseph Fields' residence on Shirley Street, is today. The Dougherties lived there until the house was burned Jan. 14, 1864. They lived at times in the Geo. Lukens' house, in the house where Dr. Hunter now lives, in the house where James Johnson now lives, and in 1867 the Dougherty warehouse, near the freight office today, was erected and into it Mr. Dougherty and his family moved and dwelt therein until 1883 when the present Dougherty home on the corner of Washington and Shirley Streets, having been completed, they moved into it. Mr. Dougherty was express agent for 10 years. Mr. Dougherty was a great railroad man. He was also owner of coal land in the Rocky Ridge region in his day. As an inventor he probably gave to the world the Section Canal Boat, which we mentioned previously in this article. In all his business enterprises for the advancement of the State interests Mr. Dougherty met considerable opposition from corporation and monopolists, but he was a staunch friend of the laboring poor and was always in-

terested in benefaction to mankind. Mr. Dougherty at one time owned most all the land from Division Street west in what is now Mount Union today. This land he purchased in company with Mr. Speer from the McNites, who had previously got it from Col. Postlethwaite, the Colonel being mentioned before in this article. A vast extent of land this was, and it was Mr. Dougherty in combination with Mr. Geo. W. Speer, who was instrumental in laying out this town, getting a charter and in giving the names to the different streets as we have them today. Lots sold as low as \$5 per acre fronting today upon the public streets. Mr. Dougherty was a remarkable character. He had the power of seeing far into the future. He was somewhat of a geologist, he knew these mountains like a book and this surrounding territory of Mount Union. He loved this place and was much devoted to it. He, so his daughter states, in reality gave the town its name, and prophesied that it would become a city some day. He died in Pittsburg at a ripe old age in 1886. Mr. Dougherty was a staunch follower of the Roman Catholic faith all his life.

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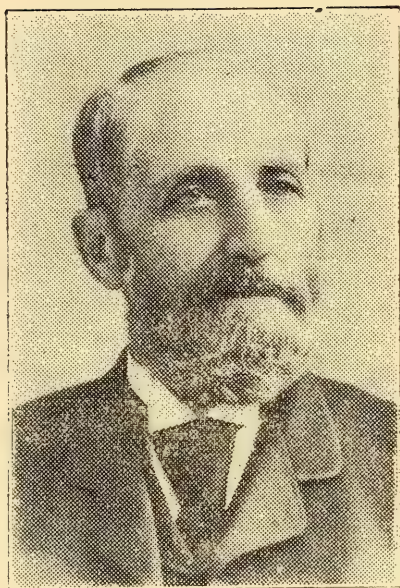
#### GEORGE W. SPEER

George W. Speer, who was associated with John Dougherty in the early history of Mount Union, and who was instrumental also in the lay-

ing out of this town, came here before the railroad was built, having been a native of Cassville, Pa. Mr. Speer was married to Miss Jane Ann Brewster, a sister of Mrs. T. H. Adams of this place. The Brewsters, we believe, trace their lineage back to the Mayflower. George W. Speer and wife at one time owned that section of land which was formerly Alex Maxwell's farm, they having purchased it from Samuel Miller. Alex Maxwell purchased the land from the Speer heirs and in recent years he sold it to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and others. Geo. W. Speer was the father of Walter Speer, the Mayor of Denver, Col., and Geo. Speer, also of Denver. He was a brother of the late R. M. Speer, Esq., of Huntingdon, in his day one of the most noted lawyers at the Huntingdon bar. R. M. Speer is the father of Robert E. Speer of New York City, well known in foreign missionary circles. Mr. Speer died about 1864. At one time he owned the farm now owned and occupied by Samuel Goshorn, located near Mount Union. It was from the Speers that Jeremiah Crowley purchased it about 1873. Geo. W. Speer and wife were among the pioneer members of the Methodist church in this community. Mr. Speer was also one of the pioneer business men in this community.

**SAMUEL MILLER, ESQUIRE.**

Samuel Miller, the venerable father of Castner Miller, now residing in town, was born in Washington County, New Jersey, in 1815. Squire Miller moved to Cassville in 1838, where he resided for some time. He was married to Elizabeth Smith, and after his marriage they lived in both Smith Valley and Trough Creek Valley, prior to coming to Mount Union in the spring of 1850. When the Miller family came here the place was only a small village, and they settled first in a large shanty just west of where the P. R. R. Freight Office now stands. Residing there for about a year, Squire Miller built the brick house now occupied by Mr. Beaston and family on Washington St. This house was built in 1852. In 1854 Mr. Miller bought a boat and boated for 3 or 4 years. He bought a portion also of the Dougherty farm, including lands which now lie along Washington Street, what is now North Mount Union from the old Shaver land up to the river, and also that land in the vicinity of where the tannery, (now C. Green and Son) is now located. Squire Miller died in May, 1893. His wife died in Harrisburg Nov. 1892. They are both buried in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery in Mount Union. Squire Miller was one of those men who was instrumental in forming this community into a town.



### JOHN BARE

Like John Dougherty, John Bare was one of those far-sighted, energetic men, who helped to make Mount Union. He was a native of York County, having been born Feb. 19, 1823. His grandfather, John Bare, came from Germany. About 1781 he settled in York County also. His father's name was Benjamin Bare, who came to Hill Valley in 1838 locating upon the old homestead, now known as the Geo. Garver farm in Cromwell Township. John Bare's father died Feb. 15, 1845. His early life was spent upon the farm assist-



ing his father, and in 1854, soon after the railroad was built through Mount Union, he and his brother Peter M., came here and located. John Bare built the dwelling house in which his family now resides in 1854, located upon Division Street. He also built the dwelling house, formerly the DeVor residence on Water Street, also the store building later owned by Dr. E. M. Rhodes, where C. P. McClure now resides, and is doing business. John Bare formerly was in the mercantile business, he having built that stand. At one time John Bare and George McLaughlin were in the mercantile business together in town, but in 1860, however, this firm was dissolved. In 1859, the present, or part of the present tannery, was built by Mr. Bare, and he continued the business until 1865, when he sold to Jacob Hoffman. With his brother, he then went to Venango County, where they entered into the oil business. John Bare in the year 1866 started the banking house of John Bare & Co., of Huntingdon, later known as the Union Bank and later incorporated as the Union National Bank. He built a second tannery in 1869, which was later leased and operated by W. H. Rosensteel & Son, they continuing the business until 1873. John Bare and John H. Miller operated the steam flour mill under the firm name of Bare & Miller from 1870 to 1872, doing an extensive business. From

1882 to 1885 Mr. Bare was in the commission business in Philadelphia. In 1886 he discovered and developed the high grade glass sand above Mapleton, and was instrumental with the Speer White Sand Company of Pittsburg, in building the large plant known as the Empire Works opposite Mapleton. On the morning of July 6, 1887, while crossing the railroad at Mount Union Station with a horse and buggy, he was struck by a train, the buggy broken, the horse killed, and Mr. Bare receiving injuries from which he never recovered. He was married first to Elizabeth Ricketts on Jan. 1, 1852. Seven children were born to this union, Two sons and a daughter died in infancy. The others are: Mrs. W. S. MacPherron of Pittsburg; Mrs. Sere-no Eadler of Elizabethtown; R. Bruce Bare of Washington, and Roy S. Bare, (deceased) late of Philadelphia. His first wife died in 1865. He was re-married to Eveline G. Shaver on Jan. 1, 1867, and to this union five children were born, two of whom died in infancy; Gertrude, deceased; Lloyd S., and Edith V., at home. Mr. Bare was a member of the Presbyterian church. He was a man of constructive ideas. He opened a select school for a while, in the old Presbyterian church. He owned extensive lands in the vicinity of Jack's Narrows, and it is because, perhaps, of his ingenuity that these brick works are flourishing here today. He was a great friend of the laboring

man. For many years he traversed these mountains, selected, and sent away specimens of rock, trying to prove to the world the value of Mount Union, but, unfortunately, he did not live to see the development of the great plans which he had originated. Perhaps we cannot estimate his usefulness to Mount Union. John Bare died Aug. 4, 1899.

His first wife, Elizabeth Ricketts, was a daughter of Hezekiah Ricketts, Jr. He was born in Hill Valley, Jan. 22, 1792, and died there Feb. 16, 1853. He lived all his life on the old homestead of his father, Hezekiah, Sr. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. A member of Captain William Morris Company in 1813. His wife's name was Elizabeth Clark, daughter of James and Elizabeth. The children of Hezekiah Ricketts, Jr., were Mary Ann, James D., Hannah, Aaron Lafayette, Eliza Jane (wife of John Book-er), Rachel, Elizabeth, Samuel C. (married Mary Beers), Catharine J., (wife of Emanuel B. Harencame).

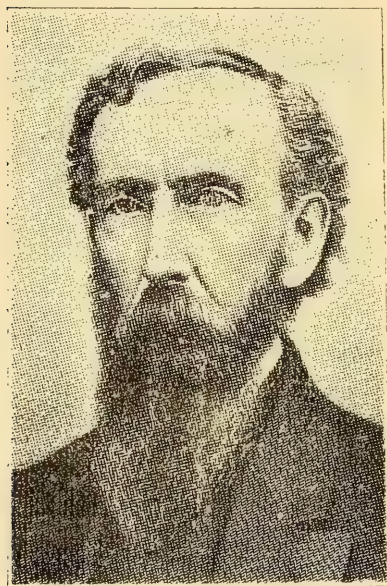
Hezekiah Ricketts, Sr., was born Feb. 22, 1754, died in Hill Valley, Sept. 16, 1816. He married Hannah Willcox. She was born Feb. 3, 1754, and died Sept. 16, 1818. Their children: Mary, (wife of Joseph Rachhold), Lydia, (wife of Samuel Irwin), Rachel, (wife of Leonard Shaver, son of Nicholas), Hannah, (wife of William Sinkey), Jemimia, (wife of Charles Green), Sarah, (wife of James Brady), Elizabeth, (wife of William Clark), Grace, (wife of John Patterson), Joseph, (had eight boys and one girl), David, Hezekiah, Jr., married Elizabeth Clark.

The father of Hezekiah, Sr., came from Pockingham County, Va., and took out a warrant Nov. 25, 1766, for

land in Hill Valley occupied by his son and grandson.

His second wife was Eveline G. Shaver, daughter of Peter R. Shaver.

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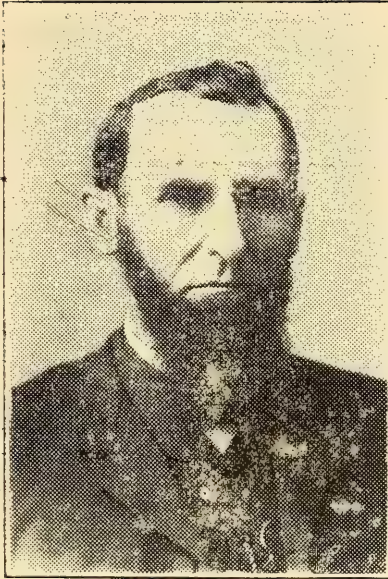


#### **DR. GEO. W. THOMPSON**

Dr. Geo. W. Thompson came to Mount Union in 1868, being a native of Centre County. His father, John Thompson, came from Ireland before the Revolution and settled in that county. Dr. Thompson was born on May 18, 1826. Until 23 years of age he remained with his father, obtaining such education as was possible in the common country

started on his own account; taught school, and did whatever his hands found to do, almost, saving his money, and through economy and care, in addition to means advanced him by his father, he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1852, from which he graduated on March 11, 1854. He opened an office in Mill Creek prior to coming to Mount Union, and in 1868 he came and opened an office here. Dr. Thompson was a Democrat in politics, an able physician, and was held in the highest esteem throughout this community. He was joined in marriage to Rebecca Dougherty in 1854, who died in 1866. Their children were Homer K., and John H.. He was married a second time to Miss Linnie McGarvey of Shirley Township, Feb. 20, 1868. Their children are: George W., Chas. B., and Frank A. Dr. Thompson died Jan. 4, 1899.



**B. J. DEVOR**

B. J. DeVor was another one of those men who figured extensively in the early days of Mount Union, he having been a native of Franklin County, born Oct. 29, 1829. He received his education in the common and select schools. When 20 years of age he began teaching. In 1861 he entered into the mercantile business at Shirleysburg, continuing four years. Coming to Mount Union in 65, he carried on business here until 71. From then until 1875 he was owner and operator of the National Steam Flour Mill at this place.



He studied theology and was examined before a board of examiners of applicants for the ministry, being admitted to the faith of the United Brethren in Christ's Church, Allegheny conference. He read law under H. E. Shaffer, and in 1878 was admitted to the bar. In the early days of Mount Union, when it was incorporated as a borough, he being one of the incorporators. He was also a civil engineer. He was married on April 8, 1855 to Margaret J. Foust. Their children are: Gerald, deceased; Emma, Mrs. L. E. Mentzer, deceased; Lizzie, Mrs. Frederick Dando, now of Beaver. Mr. DeVor died Nov. 9, 1905. His widow survives, she making her home with her daughter at Beaver, Pa.

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#### PETER M. BARE

Peter M. Bare was a son of Benjamin Bare, and a brother of John Bare, previously mentioned in this sketch. He was born in Hill Valley and brought up on the farm. He married Miss Catharine Spanogle, daughter of the late Rev. Andrew Spanogle of Germany Valley. For a number of years, he resided near Page, in Hares Valley. He located in Mount Union, about the time his brother, John came here. He erected the large dwelling house on Pennsylvania Avenue, now owned by Jay Rummel, where he resided many years, also died. He was engaged in the mercantile business in the

store building, on Water Street, now owned and occupied by C. P. McClure. He later erected the store building on Water Street, which he sold to T. H. Adams in 1865. About two years were then spent in the oil regions. Returning, Mr. Bare built the steam mill, now owned by David Rummel, in 1867. Mr. Bare's children are: Col. John S., of Huntingdon; Miss Mary of Philadelphia; Benjamin and William deceased; and Ira, editor of the North Platte (Neb.) Tribune.

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#### THE TOWN LAID OUT

Mount Union was laid out by Dougherty and Speer, previously mentioned in this article, in 1849. Lots were offered for sale and soon a little town had been planted which has grown and developed to almost a population of 3000 today. Additions were made to this Speer and Dougherty survey by the Shaver heirs on the east of the land owned by Dougherty and Speer, and by Peter Shaver on the southeast, and by Henry T. Black on the southwest, and by Samuel Miller on the west and north west, and by A. Harshberger on the south. After these additions had been made and the town had so increased in population that for the peace and good order of the town it was thought advisable to procure a borough charter that the views of the law-abiding citizens might be more fully and easily carried out.

Hence a petition was presented to the proper authorities signed by the following named persons: David Etnire, Peter H. Campbell, John Dougherty, Jacob Flasher, James Robinson, Catharine Dougherty, J. K. Thompson, John Shaver, S. B. Shaver, C. B. McCarstry, John Shaver, Belle Shaver, James Mackey, M. D., Samuel Diffendaffer, Augustus Eberman, F. H. Harrison, Alfred Simons, H. P. McLaughlin, John J. Myers, Lewis K. Morgan, Geo. P. Miller, Henry Laher, Geo. McLaughlin, James Harris, Catharine Stewart, John G. Stewart, B. J. DeVor, F. D. Stevens, A. Harshberger and J. A. Speer.

It must not be overlooked, however, that what is Water Street, Mount Union, was practically settled before any other portion of the town had been developed. The population naturally kept close to the center of traffic, which was the old canal. Along in the fifties there was practically no town above the old Pennsylvania Railroad bed now. All the town there was was situated to the north of that and in juxtaposition to the old canal. We note from J. Simpson Africa's history that the boundaries of the borough as described in the petition which was presented by the previously named persons were as follows: "Beginning at the northern end of the bridge across the Pennsylvania Canal; thence, across said bridge, by lands of William Shaver's heirs, and Nicholas Shaver,

south fifty-five and one-half degrees, west fifty-seven perches to a post, at the southeast corner of the school-house, was to include the school-house in the borough; thence, by the lands of Peter Shaver, north fifty-four and one-fourth degrees, west sixty perches to a post; thence, by the same, south sixty-one and one-half degrees, west forty perches to a post; thence, by lands of Pollock's heirs, south twenty-five degrees, west fifty-two and one-half perches to a post; thence, by lands of Pollock's heirs, now Adam Harshberger's, north sixty-one degrees, west forty-nine and one-half perches to an oak; thence, by lands of Harshberger, Dougherty and Thompson, north thirty-five and three-fourth degrees, east one hundred fifty-seven perches to a post, at corner of Small and Washington streets; thence, by lands of Dougherty and Miller, north fifty-four and one-fourth degrees, west fifty feet to a post; thence, by same, north thirty-five and three-fourths degrees, east ten and one-half perches to a post; Pennsylvania avenue, thence, along the south side of Pennsylvania Railroad, north fifty-four and one-fourth degrees, west eighty-two perches to a post; thence, south forty degrees, west twenty and one-half perches to a locust; thence, by lands of Geo. Miller, north forty-two degrees, west twenty-two perches to a pine; thence, by same, north twelve degrees, east twenty-four perches

to a grove on the north side of the canal; thence, along the north side of the Pennsylvania canal, north seventy and one-half degrees, east twenty-seven perches to a point; thence, by same, south sixty-three and one-half degrees, east seventy-six perches to a point; thence, by same, south fifty and one-half degrees, east one hundred and sixty-eight perches to northern side or end of the canal bridge, the place of beginning."

The prayer of the petitioners was granted by the court April 19, 1867, and the court further ordered that the first borough election be held on the sixth day of May, 1867, and also appointed Peter M. Bare to give due notice of said election, and also appointed Samuel Miller to be Judge, Samuel Diffendaffer and Adam Harshberger to be inspectors of said election; "Subsequent elections to be held on the third Friday in March in each year. The petition decree of court, etc., were recorded June 6, 1867 in the Recorder's office in Huntingdon County in miscellaneous book No. 2."

#### FIRST BURGESS AND COUNCIL

At the first election for borough officers held at school house No. 1, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. the following officers were elected: Burgess, George McLaughlin; Councilmen, J. C. Sechler, J. G. Stewart, Samuel Diffendaffer, Adam Harshberger and B. J. Devor.

The first meeting of the new bur-  
gess and council was held in the  
office of B. J. DeVor on the evening  
of June 10, 1867, when B. J. DeVor  
was elected President for the ensu-  
ing year, John G. Stewart, Secr.tary  
and Treasurer, and Samuel Miller,  
Esq., Street Commissioner. A tax of  
five mills on the dollar was laid for  
street purposes and all other neces-  
sary expenses.

#### THE FIRST BURGESS



The first Burgess of Mount Union  
was George McLaughlin. He was  
born Feb. 25, 1815, and died April



11, 1893 His wife Lydia McLaughlin, was born Dec. 13, 1822 and died Dec. 18, 1905. Mr. McLaughlin was one of the pioneer business men of this town. He was a very influential character. He was quite a financier, and controlled wide mercantile interests.

#### **MOUNT UNION'S BURGESSES**

1867 Geo. McLaughlin; 1868, Augustus Eberman; 1869, T. H. Adams; 1870, G. W. Thompson; 1871, John Larrens; 1872, John Bare; 1873, J. H. Miller; 1874-75, J. C. Robinson; 1876-77, Louis R. Morgan; 1878, John G. Stewart; 1879, W. W. Fuller; 1880-81, R. J. Faust; 1882, W. G. Ewing; 1883, P. H. Davis; 1884, R. J. Faust; 1885, Dr. G. W. Thompson; 1886, Henry McGarvey; 1887, P. H. Davis; 1888, A. S. Welch; 1889, D. E. Shaver; 1890, Dr. G. W. Thompson; 1891-92, Alex Maxwell; 1893-96, E. Clark Fields; 1897-99, Dr. A. R. McCarthy; 1900-02, H. S. Smelker; 1903-05, E. C. Fields; 1906-08, J. Frank Moore; 1909 Edward M. Beers. The Secretary of the council is Geo. W. Lukens.

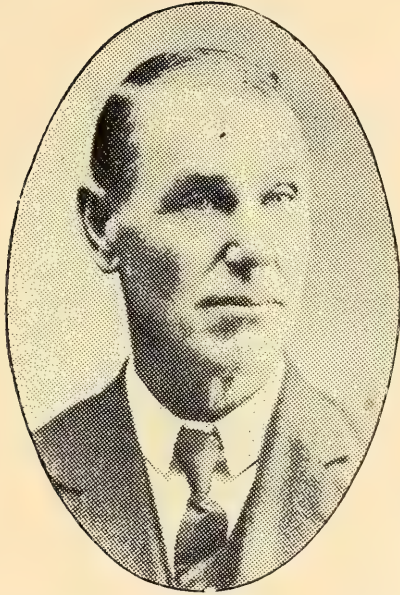
#### **THE PRESENT COUNCIL**

The present board of councilmen in Mount Union is J. M. Shaver, President; Charles Wenzel, T. A. Appleby, W. W. Peterson, Harvey Bennett, Dr. C. A. R. McClain; C. H. Weyant, W. E. Eberman, John M. Heckert.

### THE PRESENT MAYOR

Edward M. Beers, the present mayor of Mount Union is also the proprietor of the Beers Hotel. Mr. Beers was born near Nossville, this county. He came with his parents, to Mount Union, in 1889, when they purchased the present stand, then the Seibert House. Mr. Beers is one of the influential citizens of today, a staunch member of the Methodist church, and a man devoted to the best interests of the community. He has a large livery in connection with the hotel. The hotel has recently been remodeled, and is now in an up-to-date condition.





JAMES M. SHAVER, is another grandson of Major John Shaver, James being the son of Peter Shaver, who was one of Mount Union's early and influential residents. James Shaver was born Mar. 17, 1861, and has resided all his life in Mount Union. Mr. Shaver has resided upon the homestead, and farmed the homestead lands. He was married to Miss Lilly Rothwell on Nov. 13, 1889. To them have been born four children: Leslie, George, and Marion; Crawford is deceased. Mr. Shaver is at present the president of the council, as well as a member of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian church.

James M. Shaver and David E. Shaver mentioned above, are the only two living male residents of town, grandsons of the Major John Shaver, the progenitor of the Shaver kin.

### MOUNT UNION IN 1873

According to an atlas published in 1873 by A. Pomeroy & Co., of Philadelphia, comprising Blair and Huntingdon counties, we note that there was very little of Mount Union settled south of Market Street. In fact, at that time, Market and Shirley Streets were only sparsely settled. We note many changes that have taken place also during the 36 years which have intervened. Starting on Water Street east of the Pennsylvania Railroad, we first have the William Shaver estate, properties belonging to W. H. Woods, including the old warehouse and the houses opposite. Beginning at the east end of Water Street and proceeding westward, we note the house of A. Simons as one of the first, the liver stable of William Bice, a vacant lot belonging to Samuel Hollebaugh, the house where Adam Seibert now lives, which was then owned by S. Hollebaugh, the former store room of T. H. Adams, built by Peter M. Bare, the John Bare building, now occupied by C. P. McClure, which was at that time the location of a drug store, the Times Printing Office, and Miller & Black's general store, and the old warehouse, now torn down. Cross-

ing Division Street we have the old stone house, previously mentioned, properties belonging to E. B. McKittrick, now owned by T. A. Appleby, residence of A. R. Price, the American House stables, and a wagon shop, these latter two sites now being occupied by William Bice's livery and L. S. Norris' blacksmith shop. Crossing Division Street and proceeding up Main Street or Water Street, we have Jacob Flasher's blacksmith shop and dwelling, now W. T. Bell's residence, the dwelling of Mary Winskey, dwelling of B. B. Drake, now Geo. Smawley's, dwelling of H. H. Laher, (now residence of Maurice Furlow, remodeled), restaurant of William Seibert, father of R. S. Seibert, of Rockhill, which is now occupied by Russell Smyers and owned by T. A. Appleby, and on the corner of Washington and Main Streets the dwellings of William Fields, the one of which is now occupied by Cyrus Fields. The National Steam Grist Mill, owned by DeVor & Doyle, was in operation at that time. Beginning at the east end and proceeding westward along the south side of Main or Water Street we have adjoining the Woods properties two properties of Peter Shaver, Alfred Simons dwelling and cabinet shop, William Bice's residence, residence of Mrs. Fridley, F. H. Harrison's tin shop, lot and residence of B. J. DeVor, and the house on the corner, now owned by William Jame-

son, was at that time Mrs. John Morrison's, mother of Mary Morrison deceased, she having erected that dwelling. Opposite on Division Street was the Central Bank location, the building then owned by David Etnier, the last adjoining residence to the west, also David Etnier's, properties of J. J. Robinson and John Morgan, dwelling house of Peter Shaver, now occupied by Michael Hiney, and the American House, where it stands today. The store room belonging to T. H. Adams was on the corner as it is today, Augustus Eberman keeping therein. We notice adjoining this to the west the residence of Charles McNalles, where James Johnson now lives, residence of John B. Garver, now J. A. Rosensteel's the store and residence of Blair & Appleby, now T. A. Appleby's store and residence, house occupied by Mrs. Priscilla Appleby, lot of Mrs. P. Wilson, lot belonging to Alex Maxwell, whereupon his dwelling now stands, and the house on the corner belonging to Samuel Miller, now owned by Alex Maxwell and occupied by Samuel Rohrer. The ground across Washington Street in the vicinity of Robert Johnson's house was then owned by John Bare and Mrs. Speer. The Mount Union tannery was operated by J. Hoffman, and the Juniata tannery just east of it was operated by John Bare. Starting at the east end of town and proceeding up Pennsylvan-



ia Avenue on the north side, we have the residences of S. R. Simons, (now Edward Brown's) William Fultz, A. L. Etnier, lots of Mrs. Fridley and J. Harry Shaver; dwellings of Mrs. Foust, Peter Shaver, and John Shaver, the latter now being owned and occupied by Robert J. Barkley. Where E. Clark Fields now resides, R. Myers then owned. West of this we have the lot of D. Flick, residence of A. Eberman, residence and store of D. E. Hartsock, and the little property of John Morgan. Mrs. Weams was then located where she is today. Opposite here to the west was J. Harris, and Mrs. Decker resided in the George Luken's house. B. Harvey lived where Castner Miller now lives, Mr. Miller having erected his dwelling upon the old Harvey site. Mrs. Adeline Campbell resided where she does today. There were no houses between Mrs. Campbell's and the corner of Railroad and Washington Streets. Crossing Washington Street and proceeding westward we have the properties of J. Hoffman, N. Dean, J. Ross and H. H. Fields. Beginning at the east of town and proceeding westward along the south side of Pennsylvania Avenue we have first the Nicholas Shaver brick house, a Mrs. Simons resided in the Hanawalt house, which was built by Peter Shaver, property of H. C. Shaver, now belonging to the Ewing estate, lot and property of John Gayton, property of J. G. Covert, now W.

E. Kough's residence, property of H. C. Marshall, now the residence of R. J. Faust, properties of F. H. Harrison, B. F. Douglass, William H. Woods, and Dr. G. W. Thompson, residing in the brick corner where Dr. W. J. Campbell now lives. Crossing Division Street and proceeding westward along Pennsylvania Avenue we have the residence of T. H. Adams, (the D. S. Wharton house not yet built,) lot and property of Mrs. James A. Speer, property of Louis Morgan, and the hotel, formerly the Old Broad Top House, then owned by James Doyle's heirs, on the site of Crum's building today. Where the Welch brick corner now stands and other buildings adjoining there was a vacant lot belonging also to the Doyle estate. Mrs. J. C. McKinstry owned the next two lots to the west, now D. S. Wharton's gallery and Charles Stratford's marble yard. The Dougherty property stood then as today upon the corner of Depot Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. On Washington Street, the P. R. R. freight office and the Samuel Miller brick stood as today. On Shirley Street beginning at the east end of town and proceeding westward there was only the house of J. Barras, now J. G. Isenberg's, the U. B. church, now Odd Fellows' Hall, property of T. Thompson, now W. G. Ewing's heirs and the store ("cheap John," or B. Wolff) and residence of John S. Shaver, Shirley and Division Streets. On

the west side of Division Street was John Bare's residence. There were only four dwellings on this side of the street from where Ewing's store now stands and Dr. Hunter's. Beginning at the Presbyterian parsonage, then Mrs. Brewster's, the Bollinger or Saylor property, then occupied by M. Vancourdt, the Methodist parsonage, now the Thomas F. Stratford block, and the residence of Dr. W. A. Hunter on the corner. Where the Beers Hotel now stands was then owned by A. Snyder, a little house erected thereupon; the vacant lots between that and Depot Street belonged to J. C. Sechler. There were no houses on Shirley, west of Washington Street. Samuel Miller then owned the lots which now belong to W. W. Fuller, B. C. Wharton, and recently the Isaac Taylor property. R. Sechler owned the sites of Dr. McClain's residence and the Company Store. A. Johnson owned the sites of Mrs. D. C. Appleby's residence and Woodburn Maxwell's residence. The lot upon which Maxwell's hardware store stands today, as well as the post-office corner, then belonged to W. Chapman. E. K. Roger's dwelling was standing at that time, also the Methodist church and the Baker residence. The store now occupied by H. S. Smelker then belonged to John Lukens. On the south side of Shirley Street coming eastward from Division Street we note the Presbyterian church the S. R. Simons

lot, now R. M. Longacre's residence, the lot belonging to Mrs. Shaver, where W. J. Welch's dwelling house, now stands, house of Peter Shaver, now occupied by H. C. Chilcote and owned by A. S. Welch, dwelling of J. S. Coulter, now Henry McGarvey's, dwelling of J. M. Smith, now Dr. Gregory's, and the W. C. Gayton residence. Farther down the street was the old Presbyterian church, now a dwelling. There were no houses on Market Street, east of Division except Joseph Greenawalt's, this dwelling now being owned by the Lutz heirs. Mrs. Brown owned the house opposite on the corner (remodeled,) S. G. Clinger's. The school house was standing at that time but there were no other dwellings on Market Street between Division and Jefferson except, that of James Thompson's, where Joseph Gillman now lives, and J. Davis', where Mrs. Hollebaugh, now lives, the Philip Smith property on the corner opposite, now A. S. Welch's, the George Fields property, the D. Shultz property and the J. Hanawalt property then, were all the dwellings to the west of Jefferson Street on Market. On the south side of Market Street there was only one dwelling, that of John Rummel, it being the only house at that time in that block. The Mrs. John Himes property was then owned by H. T. Black. The Thompson estate was located on Milford Street, just east of the Black property. We note

also in the sparsely settled territory to the south of Milford Street, properties of Samuel Heeter, J. McIntyre, J. Zeigler, P. Fleck, D. Decker, D. Sullivan and the later Alex Maxwell, farm, now Jefferson Heights, was then owned and occupied by Mrs. E. Smawley.

Among the business men in 1873 we note the Central Banking Co., with E. S. Doty as Cashier; the American House with James Maulls Proprietor; the William Bice Livery; T. H. Adams dealer in general merchandise and dry goods; Blair & Appleby, wholesale and retail dealers in dry goods, groceries, etc.; W. A. Hunter Druggist; F. H. Harrison, Tinner; George W. Lukens, general store; Miller & Black, general merchandise; J. J. Robison, confectionery and notions; B. Wolff, better known as "Cheap John," dealer in dry goods, clothing, etc., in J. S. Shaver building corner of Shirley and Division Streets John Bare, Tanner; DeVor & Doyle, Millers; E. B. McKittrick, Wagon Maker and Blacksmith; J. T. Black, Physician and Surgeon, Dr. G. W. Thompson and Dr. A. R. McCarthy; H. Black, Carpenter; John S. Coulter, Teamster; John Dougherty, Lumber Dealer; W. C. Gayton, Foreman of Canal; Samuel Miller, Coal & Lumber; H. E. Shafer, Lawyer and Editor of the Mount Union Times; Cyrus Jeffries & H. C. Marshall & J. C. Gayton were among the residents.

### LUCY FURNACE

Lucy Furnace, remains today, only in name. One would scarcely believe to look around the old place, that years ago, that spot was the scene of industry and life. Tons and tons of iron were made there. Several times did it change hands. But all that remains today are a few ruins, and as to the history of the old furnace, we are dependent exclusively upon tradition.

We note that this furnace was built in 1836, according to some history at our hands. We further are informed by our townsman, Mr. Owen J. Cassidy, that he helped to take the old stack down, and upon it, he saw the date 1837. Hence, it was probably one of these two dates that marked its erection. It was probably built by a man by the name of Cottrell, he having had charge of the industry in its incipency. We know very little about the early operators. Martin Grube, father of Martin Grube of Huntingdon, took charge about 1865 and it was during his time that it was made from a charcoal furnace to a blast furnace. He was instrumental in building the railroad around the river bend to the bridge east of town, also the basin formerly near the east end of the bridge, now occupied by the P. R. R. Mr. Grube sold out to B. B. Thomas of Philadelphia, who later sold to John Whitehead. Mr. Sackett operated the industry while Thomas



owned it. About 1881 G. W. R. Swoope of Huntingdon came to the furnace and entered in partnership with Whitehead in the running of same. About 1889, Mr. Whitehead sold out, and O. J. Cassidy purchased the furnace and grounds, in company with Mr. Swoope at Sheriff Sale. They were together for 8 years when they divided the interests, Cassidy taking the farm, ore lands, and old site, and Swoope taking the mountain lands. Cassidy today owns the furnace grounds, Swoope sold about 1899 to Peter Gerlock, who later sold to Dr. A. R. McCarthy of town. There were about 2500 acres of land all told connected with the furnace. Its name was originally Matilda Furnace, and it was only in later years that the name was changed.

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### Prominent Men Who Have Passed

JAMES G. DOYLE was born near Mount Union, in Shirley township. He died in town, April 28, 1859. At one time he owned considerable land in the center of what is now Mount Union. He was at one time in business in the brick corner, (Division and Main streets) the firm being, Doyle, Foust & Co. Mr. Doyle later erected the former Broad Top House, in 1859, and died therein before it was entirely finished. He came to town in 1857. The Broad Top House was on the corner of the site now occupied by the Crane Block. The Doyle children are: Mrs.

Charles Gordon of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Hamilton of Ohio, John of New York, Ella and Harry.

PETER CAMPBELL was born Aug. 24, 1830 and died Dec. 12, 1872. He came to Mount Union on April 1, 1861. He was a druggist, jeweler and carpenter. He had his drug store located on Water Street. He married Adeline Landis in McConnellsburg several years prior to coming to Mount Union. The family came here from Burnt Cabins. Mrs. Campbell survives today, being 72 years old. Their children are: Dora and Mrs. Pauline Nevell at home; Mrs. Tomer Gregg of Brookville, Pa.; Mrs. Celest Africa of Cumberland, Md.; Mrs. Nellie Muir of Baltimore, and Edgar, deceased.

JACKSON POSTLETHWAITE was born in Wayne township, Mifflin county, July 4, 1823, and died Oct. 19, 1879. On Jan. 9, 1844 he married Elizabeth Jane Gayton. Mr. Postlethwaite was the father of the following children: Albert G., of Passaic, N. J., John Calvin, of Jewell, Kan., Edward T., of Philadelphia, Mary A., (Mrs. Henry McGarvey of town); William F., deceased; Charles B., deceased; Laura J., Mrs. J. M. Ewing of Newport, Pa.; Clarence E., of Sewickley, Pa.; Jessie B., (Mrs. J. L. Van Tine of Philadelphia. Mr. Postlethwaite was for many years employed in the P. R. R. freight office here. He was one of the pioneer Presbyterians in Mount Union.

JOHN LUKENS was born in Mifflin county, near Atkinsons Mills, Aug. 2, 1819. He married Sarah E. Knepp, Feb. 2, 1845. One child was born to this union, George W. Lukens of Mount Union. John Lukens came to town, in the fall of 1869. In 1871 he built the store corner, now owned and occupied by H. S. Smelker. John Lukens, died Nov. 4, 1879. He was one of our early influential citizens.

WILLIAM SEIBERT, who was one of our earliest residents, was born Apr. 3, 1822, and died June 1, 1884. He was married to Miss Mary J. Love. He was the father of R. S. Seibert of Rockhill. William Seibert lived at one time on Water Street, where he kept a restaurant. He was later in the hotel business, at the Seibert House, now Beers hotel. Mrs. Wm. Samson of Colorado is also a daughter.

SAMUEL HARTSOCK, was born Dec. 17, 1801 and died Dec. 17, 1885. He formerly resided where Charles Hart lives today. Mr. Hartsock was a shoemaker and also kept a small confectionery. Mrs. Isaac Stevenson of California was a daughter, also Mrs. James Hayes of Mount Union. One son, also Rev. Samuel Hartsock, lived for a time in Mount Union.

JOHN C. ROSS was for many years a resident of Mount Union. He died on Jan. 31, 1886. Mrs. M. R. Ross, his widow, resides in Ironton, Ohio. One daughter, Mrs. Galen Van Zant, also resides in Ironton. Mr. Ross was

a soldier, a member of Co. A, 46th Reg. Penna. Volunteers. The Rosses held the Mount Post Office for a number of years. The Odd Fellows' Encampment at this place is named after him.

J. J. ROBINSON one of the oldest residents, died Feb. 26, 1886. He was born in Mifflin county, Sept. 19, 1814. He came to Mount Union in 1850. From 1864 to '66 he kept hotel in McVeytown. He married Catharine Miller. He was the third division foreman on the P. R. R., (on this Division) from 1850 to 1861. The division then extended from the lock in the Narrows to the lower end of the cut above Newton Hamilton. Mr. Robinson was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN M. BELL was born Dec. 26, 1826 in Mifflin County, and died July 3, 1887. He came to Mount Union in 1885. He was principal of the Kishacoquillas Seminary for some time, also County Superintendent of Mifflin County for two terms. J. M. Bell was principal of Mount Union schools one term 1885-86. He was in the insurance business here with his son, W. T. Bell. He married Henrietta Haller. Their children are: Mrs. J. M. Martin, deceased, of Minneapolis; W. T. Bell of town; Henry H. Minneapolis; Rev. J. Vernon Bell of Dr. Bois and D. Bates Bell of Pittsburg.

ELIJAH AULTZ died Mar. 29, 1888. He was a resident of town for

many years. At one time he kept hotel here. He was the father of Mrs. Alfred Bingham, now of Sabetha, Kansas, for several years a teacher in our schools. There were several other children besides Mrs. Bingham.

COL. JOHN STEWART was also one of the early residents in town. He came here, so we are told, from Mill Creek. He was born Sept. 1, 1811 and died April 19, 1889. He had charge of the hotel at the east end of town for several years. He later resided in the brick, now owned and occupied by Dr. W. J. Campbell.

PATRICK DAVIS was born in Cromwell township, Jan. 28, 1834 and died in Mount Union Sept. 4, 1890. He moved to this place about 1874 from Long Hollow, Mifflin County. He married Mary E. Evans, now deceased Sept. 22, 1859. Their children were: Lexington, deceased. McClellan of Tyrone, James of town, J. Bruce of Reedsville. Annie at home. One son died in infancy. Mr. Davis was a blacksmith by trade.

DAVID ETNIER was born May 25, 1835 and died Feb. 23, 1892. He was one of the influential residents of Mount Union in his day. He was in the mercantile, also the milling business here for many years. He married Jennie H. Morrison, who was born Oct. 13, 1834 and died Oct. 28, 1878. Mr. Etnier's children are: Clarence, Bert, Carey, John, Laura and Virginia. He was one of the

pioneer Methodists in this community.

AUGUSTUS EBERMAN was born June 12, 1831 in Baden, Germany. He died July 22, 1893. He came to America when 19 years old. He married E. Jennie Sechrist in the house where Squire Hiney now resides. Mrs. Eberman survives today, she having been born in Newton Hamilton and having come to Mount Union when about 12 years of age. Their children are in all 13, 9 deceased. The surviving ones are: Mrs. David Webster of Harrisburg; Mrs. Vance Taylor of Philadelphia; Wm. and Lola of Mount Union. Mr. Eberman was a soldier, a Member of Co. I, 149th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. He fought through some of the hardest battles of the war. He was a harness maker by trade. Was in the feed business for a while, and later launched into the mercantile business on the corner which T. H. Adams now occupies. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

ANDERSON BEERS was born at Concord, Franklin County, April, 15, 1835 and died in Mount Union, Apr. 9, 1894. He was married to Mary E. Parsons of Nossville, Oct. 29, 1861, and was the father of twelve children. He resided at Concord for about twelve years after marriage, and later near Nossville. He came to Mount Union with his family in 1889. For about a year after moving here he conducted the American House on



Water Street. In April, 1890, he moved to the Seibert House, corner of Jefferson and Shirley Streets, which was known as the "Commercial House." He is the father of Edward M. Beers, who conducts the Beers Hotel in this place, Mrs. H. W. Harrison Myrtle and Mrs. Moses Vaughn, all of Mount Union, and Dr. H. L. Beers of Youngstown, Ohio, Charley of McKean Co., Wilburt and Dyson of Marion, Ohio, and Mrs. Julius Young of Harrisburg. He was a member of the Methodist church.

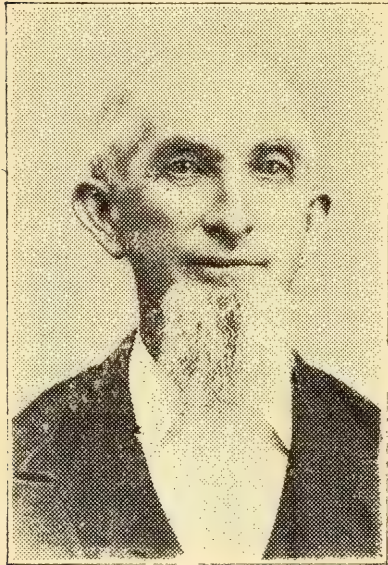
PETER R. SHAVER, son of Maj. John Shaver, was born June 12, 1813 and died May 5, 1894. He was the father of the following children; Mrs. Eva Bare of town, Exie of town, Mrs. C. B. Bowles, deceased, Maggie, deceased, and James of town. Peter Shaver was one of the first elders in the Presbyterian church here.

GEO. W. DEAN was born at Waterford, Juniata County, Mar. 1, 1837, and died May 5, 1895. He was a resident of Mount Union for about 30 years. He was engaged in the Hoffman tannery here for many years.

ELISHA FIELDS was born Jan. 11, 1818 in Wayne Township, Mifflin County, and died June 17, 1896. He was an old boatman on the canal, being also a boat Captain. He worked in early years for Samuel Drake, of Drake's Ferry fame. He married Asenath Hanawalt, to which union the following children were born:

Henry H., Geo. L., both of town; Charles B., deceased; Thornton B. of Conneaut, Ohio; Joseph of town; Mrs. Jesse Sailor, deceased, of Altoona; Elisha A. and Mrs. Emory Knepp, both of town. Mr. Fields resided for many years on his farm east of Mount Union in Mifflin County. His second wife was Susan Robinson, of Newton Hamilton. He built the brick house now owned and occupied by Mrs. Mary Noland in 1877, and came to Mount Union in 1887.

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LOUIS MORGAN was born on the Colgate farm near Shirleysburg, July 6, 1823 and died in Mount Union,

Nov. 23, 1897. He married Maria Sechrist in Shirleysburg, Nov. 11, 1856. Shortly after marriage he came to Mount Union and settled in the old stone house (the oldest house in town), where they resided for some time. Mr. Morgan was a boatman on the canal for many years. He erected the house in which he long lived and die, on the site of Dr. Stever's residence now, in 1859-60. He was watchman in the Narrows for several years, and for a long time baggage transfer agent at the P. R. R. station here. He was a faithful member, as well as sexton, of the M. E. church of Mount Union for many years. Of seven children, Mrs. Alex. Maxwell of town alone survives, the others dying in infancy. Mrs. Morgan died Nov. 7, 1901.

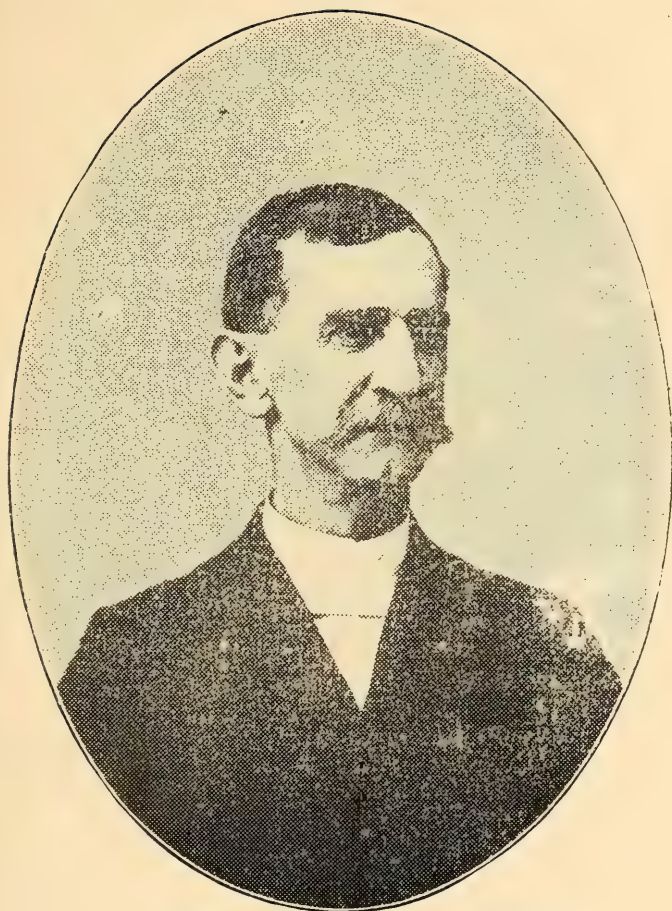
REV. N. A. McDONALD, D. D., was born Jan. 30, 1830 and died Aug. 12, 1897. He was for many years a missionary to Siam, representing the Presbyterian Church. He resided for a number of years in Mount Union and at Shade Gap. Dr. McDonald built and resided in the dwelling now occupied by Mrs. Mary A. Kyper on Shirley Street. Mrs. Mary McFarland and Miss Harriet of Altoona and Frank of Princeton, N. J., are the three surviving children; Jane (Mrs. H. W. Harrison) deceased.

PHILIP SMITH was born in Germany Dec. 25, 1825 and was killed on the railroad in Mt. Union, Dec. 24, 1896. His wife's name was Mary

Dingledine, whom he married Dec. 12, 1852. Mr. Smith and wife resided for a number of years in Mount Union, being located on the corner of Market and Jefferson streets, now owned by A. S. Welch. Their surviving children are: Fred of Harrisburg, Philip and Louis of Johnstown, Edward, in Roanoke, Va., John A., of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. George W. Lukens of town, Mrs. Sophia Coleman of Lewistown, and Albert of Panama.

REV. DAVID H. CAMPBELL, D. D., was born near Davidsburg, Blair County, July 28, 1846 and died in Mount Union Jan. 31, 1901. He was of Scotch and German extraction. His early life was spent as a farmer and a tanner. He was a soldier in the late war (Company G. First Independent Regiment Hundred Days Men). Dr. Campbell graduated at Lafayette College, after which he took a course at the Union Theological Seminary, finishing there May 10, 1875. He entered the Huntingdon Presbytery June 1874, and came to Mount Union in September 1884, where he remained the faithful pastor of the Presbyterian Church until his death. He was married to Anna Peelor, now deceased. His children are: Bertha, Lavinia and Rev. Edward L., at present located in Newburgh, N. Y.

JOHN SHAVER, son of Samuel Shaver, died May 19, 1901. He was born Dec. 6, 1825, and spent all his life in Mount Union. He was a carpenter by trade. His wife's name



**Rev. D. H. Campbell, D. D., deceased**

was Jane M. Andrews. He was the father of Mrs. W. T. Bell of town, Nevin Shaver of Harrisburg and Bert Shaver of Mifflintown.

J. WHITE SHAVER, son of Samuel Shaver, was born in 1828 and died Sept. 2, 1901. He was also a brother of Bryson Shaver now residing in Mount Union. J. White Shaver was for many years a mail clerk on the railroad. Mount Union was his home most all his life.

S. R. SIMONS was born in Wayne Township, Mifflin County, June 12, 1843 and died in Tyrone, Nov. 7, 1901. He resided for a number of years in Mount Union, having built the residence now occupied by R. M. Longacre, and therein lived most of the time in Mount Union. He married Margaret Copenbaver of Shirley Township. He went to Tyrone in 1887 and located. He was sexton in the Presbyterian Church here for many years. He was a brother of Alfred Simons of town and Mrs. John S. Coulter of Tyrone.

JOHN EWING was born in Juniata County Dec. 23, 1846 and died Jan. 11, 1902. He married Mary Jane Bowers of Port Royal on Jan. 21, 1868. Mr. Ewing was a miller all his life, having operated mills at Pleasant View, Juniata County, Millheim, Center County, and also the old log mill (at one time the Sharrar Mill) near Shirleysburg. He came to Mount Union in 1889 and took charge of the mill now operated by his son

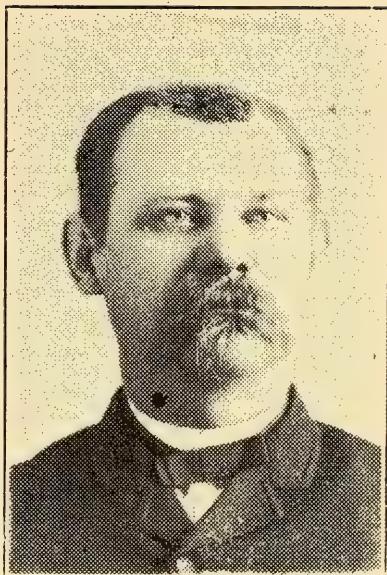


J. Elmer Ewing. His children are: Mrs. W. J. Welch and J. Elmer of town and J. Banks of Orbisonia. Mr. Ewing was an enterprising citizen.

JOHN HIMES died Feb. 2, 1902. He was born in Cumberland County, Nov. 20, 1835. He married Margaret Lewis Jan. 21, 1858. His children are: Mrs. David Rohrer of Aughwick; Mrs. Miles Bard of Rockhill, Mrs. Lloyd Clifford of Colorado; Mrs. Adam Rohrer, Mrs. Frank Longacre, Mrs. Harry Rosensteel, Mrs. J. F. Moore, Dolly and Clarence, all of Mount Union.

PETER LONGACRE died Feb. 15, 1902. He was born in Chester County, Jan. 6, 1835. He was a carpenter by trade. He spent his early days in Juniata County, residing near Thompsontown. His first wife was Margaret Heller of Millerstown. Their children were Etta, (deceased), Robert, Joseph, Frank, Mrs. Jos. Gillam all of Mount Union; Mrs. William Dean of Philadelphia; and Harry of Chicago. He was re-married to Mrs. Maggie Clinger of town, Jan. 21, 1896. He was a faithful member of the Methodist church.





**JOHN F. STEWART** died Oct. 6, 1902, he having been struck by a P. R. R. train. He was born and his early life was spent near Three Springs. For many years he was employed in the E. B. T. yard in Mount Union. He was married to Rebecca Hicks. He was a soldier, a member of the 110th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His children are: Mrs. Effie Shaver, George and Ray of town, and Howard of Tyronne.

**ABRAM PRICE**, long a resident of Mount Union, died Dec. 12, 1902. He was a native of Cromwell Town.

ship. He was a soldier, a member of Company K, 202nd Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was born about 1837. He married Miss Kate McGarvey, who still survives. Mr. Price's occupation was a seller of fruit trees. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

**J. HARRY SHAVER**, son of Nicholas Shaver, died Apr. 30, 1903. He was a soldier, Member of Co. A, 46th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. He spent all his life in Mount Union. He was 61 years old. He married Harriet Foster. His surviving children are: Charles of Duncan; Lawrence of New York; Bruce of near Pittsburg, and Orithello, Mrs. Shaver is deceased.

**ALFRED ETNIER** died in Huntingdon, Mar. 11, 1904. He was a resident as well as a merchant in Mount Union for several years. He was born near Otella, this county. He married Miss Fannie Johnson, who survives. Mr. Etnier was a member of the Methodist Church.

**DANIEL C. APPLEBY** was born Jan. 17, 1840 near Shade Gap and was killed by a fast train at Mount Union station Feb. 3, 1905. His early life was spent at home on the farm, and when the war broke out Mr. Appleby enlisted in Company I, of the 149th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers under Captain B. X. Blair. He entered the service as a Corporal Aug. 19, 1862. He was later promoted to Sergeant, and still later to Sec-

ond Lieutenant. He was a valiant soldier. He was married to Miss Alice Montague of Shade Gap. He was in the mercantile business here for several years, also resided in Kansas and Illinois. He spent about 25 years in the P. R. R., Freight service at this place. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

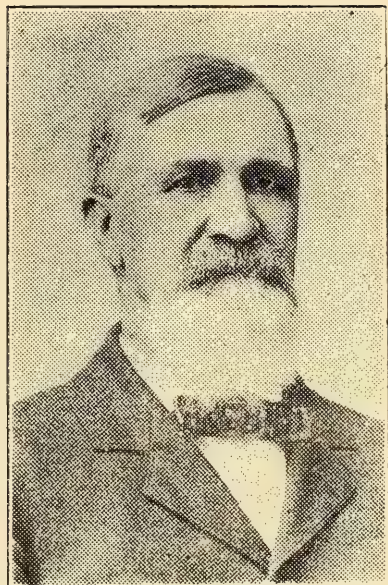
FRANK BOTH was born May 4, 1847 and died March 15, 1906. He was a native of Germany. He landed in America on Oct. 21, 1872. He came to Mount Union in August 1893. He married Jane Hommon in June 1894. Mr. Both was a saddler by trade.

WILLIAM H. FULTZ was born near Belleville, Nov. 17, 1841, and died April. 8, 1906. He was a soldier, Member of Co. H, 49th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was later transferred to Co. A. He was first married to Elizabeth Bice, to which union two children were born, both deceased. He was a second time married to Ada Shaver, who survives and lives in her residence on Shirley street. William Fultz was a brother of Mrs. Tillie Hanawalt of town.





Frank Both, deceased



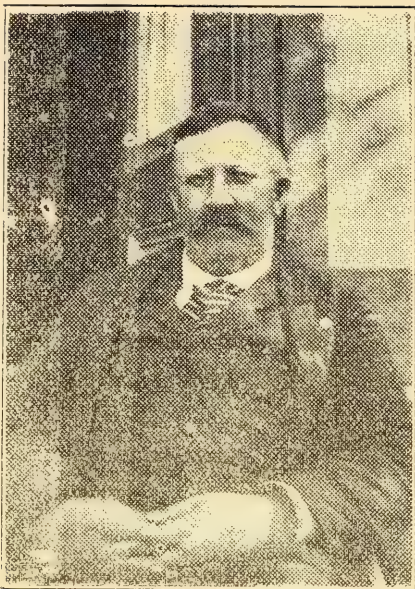
CAPTAIN W. C. GAYTON, whose death we chronicled recently in the Times, was born at Mexico, Juniata County, Pa., March 3, 1828. He died Oct. 19, 1903. His father was John Gayton, in his day a contractor in the building of the Pennsylvania Canal. W. C. Gayton spent most all his life as contractor, foreman or manager of railroad or canal building or operation, doing contract work at various times in Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio and Kansas. He married Miss Ann Elizabeth Lewis of Cadiz, Ohio, Oct. 20, 1853. He was



the father of three children: Mary, (Mrs. Dr. A. R. McCarthy), Luella and Blanche, all deceased. Captain Gayton was a member of Co. D., 22nd Regiment, Penna. Volunteer Cavalry, one of the bravest men of his company. He resided for many years in Mount Union and was one of our upright citizens. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and the Masonic order.

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WILLIAM GRAY EWING was born at Graysville, Huntingdon County, Pa. June 22, 1854, the son of Alexander G., and Clarissa Ewing. He died in Mount Union, Sept. 2, 1906. His early life was spent assisting his father in the mercantile business principally, notwithstanding the fact that he taught school and attended Tuscarora Academy at Academia. He came to Mount Union in 1875, and in October 1876 married Miss Tincie Shaver, daughter of Henry Shaver. Mrs. Ewing died June 2, 1907. Their surviving children are: Iva, Cloyd, Anna and Helen. Mr. Ewing was in the mercantile business during his life in Mount Union, conducting one of the best stores in this section. He also controlled considerable real estate in this neighborhood. He was one of the first directors in the First National Bank. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church for many years, a noted Sunday school worker and a strong advocate of temperance.



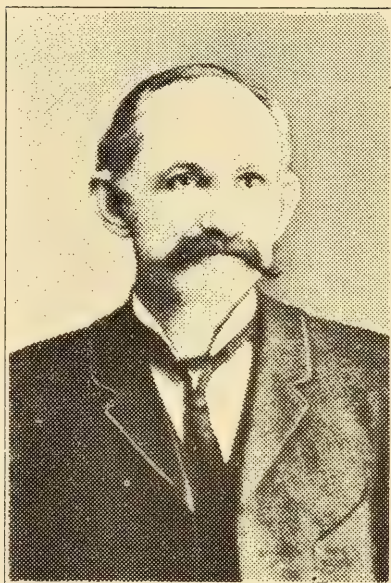
DR. GEORGE C. BORST was born in Huntingdon County March 9, 1854, and died in Newville, Pa., Jan. 8, 1907. He was married to Henrietta L. Rothwell on June 2, 1877. His children are: Lolita and Gertrude, who survive. He was a member of the Methodist church, and practiced medicine for a number of years in Mount Union, coming here in 1878.

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LEX F. DAVIS was born at Dublin Mills, Fulton county, Apr. 22, 1860 and died in Mount Union Feb. 5, 1907. He was a son of Patrick Davis deceased. For a number of years, he was Mount Union's chief druggist.



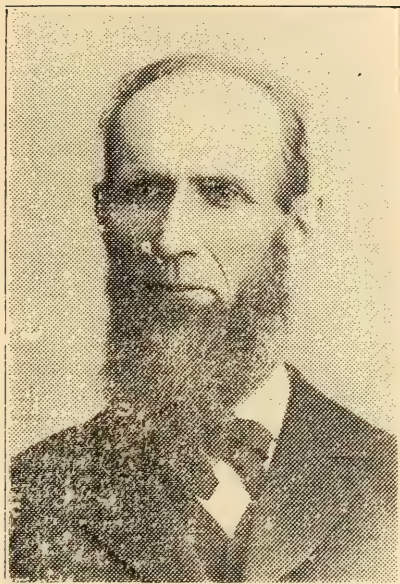
**Lex F. Davis, deceased**



GEORGE W. SMITH died in Braddock, Sept. 1, 1907 and was born near Oppelsville, Juniata County, Pa., son of the late Philip and Margaret Smith. He resided in town for a number of years. He was married to Alda Colgate, daughter of Richard Colgate (deceased), Nov. 27, 1891. He moved to Braddock in 1895, where his widow still resides.

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JOHN RUMMEL was born near Waynesboro, Pa., Nov. 22, 1833 and died Feb. 13, 1908. He was married to Elizabeth Henkell in 1858. Mr. Rummel was a miller most all his life. He came to Aughwick Mills in



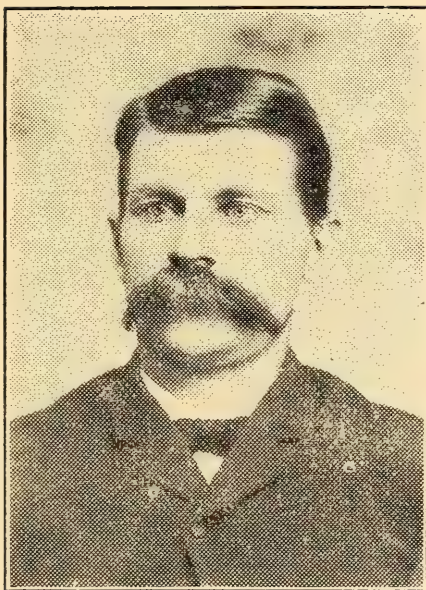
1866, where he operated the old brick mill for two years. In 1866 he came to Mount Union, where he engaged in the milling business. In partnership with David Etnier he operated the Ewing mill at the east end of town until 1884, when he and his son David took charge of the steam mill to the north side of town. His children are: David of town; Mrs. I. A. Bassett of Washington, D. C., J. H. Rummel of Harrisburg, and Jay of Huntingdon.

LOUIS SMAWLEY was born Dec. 22, 1834 and died in Altoona Oct. 16, 1907. He was born and raised along the Aughwick Creek, and resided for a long time on what is now the Henry Etnier farm, his father having owned that. He was a son of Dawson Smawley. Louis Smawley resided in Mount Union for about ten years. His mother bought and lived for a long time on the former Alex. Maxwell farm, earlier the Harshberger farm, now Jefferson Heights. He was the father of George R. Smawley, our townsman, together with William and Charles of Pittsburg, James of Altoona, Mrs. Albert Herman and Mrs. Charles Miller of Altoona, Mrs. Frank Criste of Colorado and Viola, deceased.

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DANIEL SNYDER was born May 18, 1832 and died Apr. 9, 1908. He was a native of Franklin County. He resided in Mount Union for about 40 years. He was first married to a Miss Painter, his children being: Joseph and Mrs. S. G. Clinger of town; Samuel of Greensburg, and Mrs. H. H. Miller of Altoona. He was a soldier in the late war. He was a second time married to Mrs. Ellen Osmer, who still survives.





JOHN FOREMAN was killed on the railroad Aug. 28, 1908. He was born near Shade Gap Aug. 31, 1858. He resided in Mount Union for about 30 years. For many years he was a faithful employee in the East Broad Top yard. His widow, one daughter, and son, Miss Cora and George, still survive, residents of Mount Union. He was a member of the M. E. church.

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BENJAMIN F. DOUGLASS died Nov 6, 1908 at his home on Railroad Street. He was born April 28, 1844 on the old Douglass farm near Shirleysburg, where he passed his early

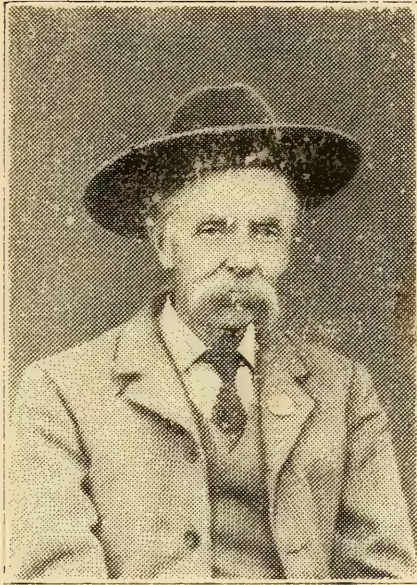
life. He was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Bare Douglass. He attended the public schools of Shirley township, also Shirleysburg Academy and Duff's Commercial College of Pittsburg. He resided in Mount Union for about forty years. He was a clerk in the general store of P. M. Bare, on Water Street. He was also in the clothing business for several years. He was also in the milling business for a while in what is now Rummel's mill, in company with Dr. Allen. He was a soldier, a member of Co. K., 202nd Regiment, Penna. Volunteers. His wife and one daughter, Miss Bessie, survive, residing in town. One daughter, Miss Cora, is deceased.

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JOHN JENKINS was born in Alexandria Sept. 15, 1848, and died Nov. 10, 1908. For a while he lived at Newton Hamilton. He is survived today by his wife and the following children: Annie, Bessie, Charles, Walter and Frank, all of town. He was a faithful member of the Methodist church, and a soldier of Co. A. 76th Regiment, Keystone Zouaves.

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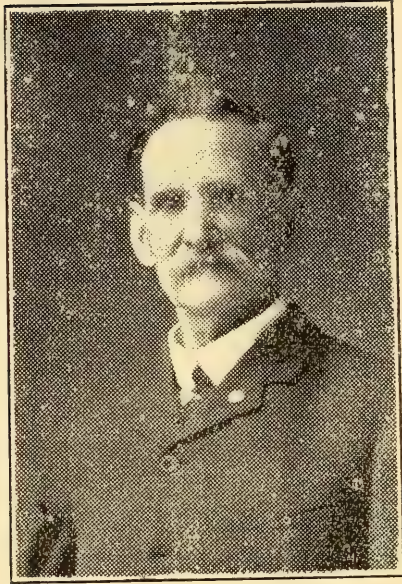
MAJ. JOHN M. OSBORNE died in Mount Union July 9, 1909. He was born near Turtle Creek, Pa., May 27, 1841. He was an influential man. Early in his career, he controlled extensive business interests. He was for about ten years with the Mount Union Silica Brick Co. He was a valiant soldier, a member of Co. C.,



105 Reg., Penna., Volunteers. During his time in Mount Union his abode was the Beers Hotel.

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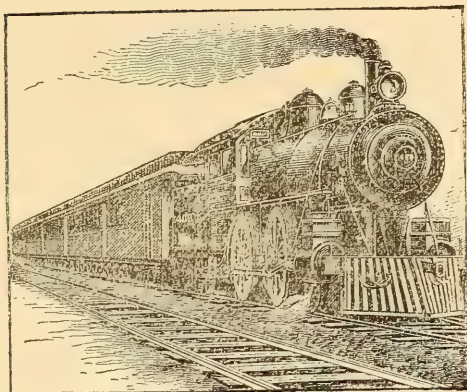
JACOB COPENHAVER died Nov. 19, 1907. He was born in Hill Valley Aug. 21, 1829. His wife's name was Sarah Jane Buckley, whom he married Dec. 25, 1857. He was the father of 9 children. Among them are: Mrs. David Walls of Newton Hamilton; Cyrus of Allenport, and Mrs. Annie Scrambling of town.



JOSHUA NOLAND was born near Otelia, Huntingdon county, Pa : Jan. 8, 1843 and died Aug. 25, 1906. He married twice, first to Susan R. Kelley, Dec. 22, 1866, and the second time to Elizabeth Kelley, a sister to his first wife. He was a soldier, Co. I Penna. Cavalry. His children are: James and Mrs. W. D. Latherow of town and one deceased, to the first wife; Mrs. William Gillam and Jefferson of town and four deceased to the second union. His first wife died July 27, 1873; the second wife survives, residing at the Noland home on Shirley Street.

# THE RAILROADS

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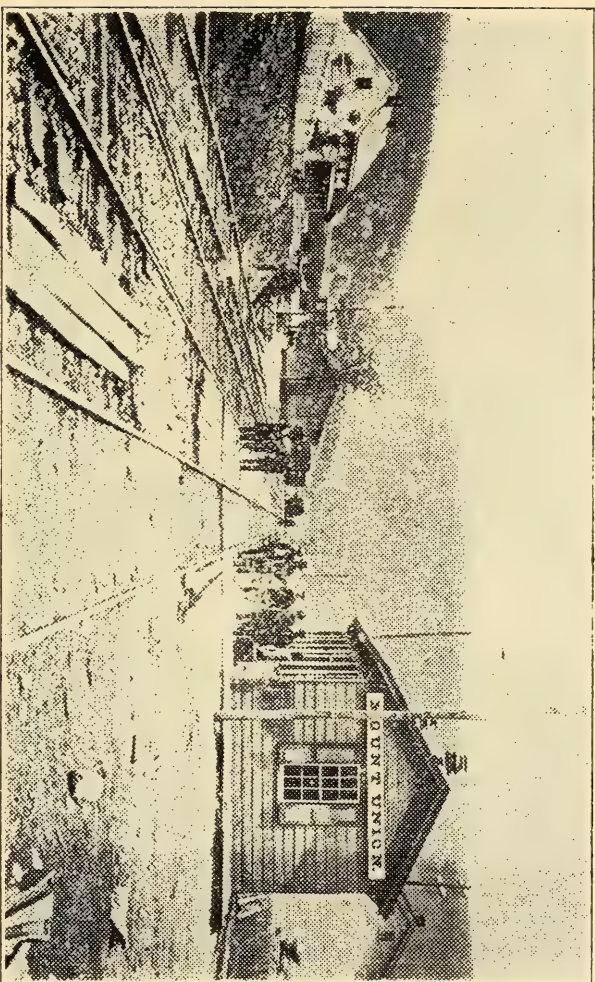


"The Limited"

### PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Mount Union is fortunate to be located along the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Her success as a town, has in a great measure, been due to her proximity to this great commercial thoroughfare. From the standpoint of railroads, even from a world point of view, the Pennsylvania System is undoubtedly unsurpassed. From the majestic Hudson, environed by the world's commerce, to the great Metropolis of the Middle West (Chicago), and even onward to St. Louis, the Pennsylvania Railroad traverses the most populous section of the United States, and connects in one great chain, as it were, the greatest cities of our land, and even some of the greatest in the world. The sublimity of the mountain passes of Pennsylvania is unparalleled, and the winding courses pursued by the railroad's tracks are indeed noteworthy. But in these the road-bed is perfect, the tracks set to the proper angles, and the service, both passenger and freight, is unexcelled. A great four-track railway delineating the crooked courses of rivers, climbing mountains or going through them, following the straightest courses across level lands at the rate of a mile a minute, moving thousands and thousands of tons of freight daily, transporting millions upon millions of passengers, employing multitudes of men, and handling almost incalculable sums of money—this is characteristic of the Pennsyl-





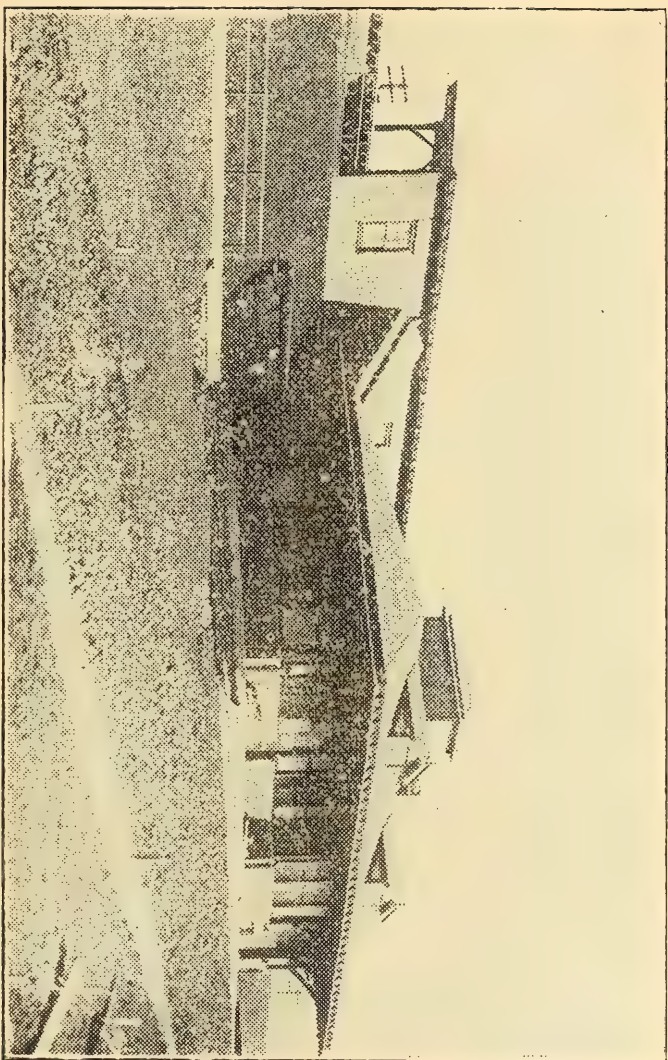
### The old station, taken back in the sixties.

Standing in front of the station are: J. C. Sechler, Rudolph Sechler, John Gayton, John Dougherty, Samuel Hartsock, 'Squire Fridley and two strangers.

vania Railroad. The country needs the railroad just as much as the railroad needs the country. We are indebted to such a corporation as this, and the men at the head who have given of their energies and indefatigable labors toward the culmination of such a successful enterprise, are worthy of the public's commendation.

We have spoken previously in this article relative to the old methods of traveling. The stage-coach and the covered wagon had their day, and they were superseded by the canal boat which, when it dawned upon civilization, was considered a marvelous achievement, but what are these primitive methods of transportation in comparison with the "Steel Girt Way" of the twentieth century? Where fifty and more years ago it took days and weeks to travel from one point to another, in this age, the same space is covered in a few hours' time. There are men living today in Mount Union who remember vividly the first locomotive that passed this way, also do they have a clear conception of the primitive passenger coach. To compare these early productions with those wrought out by the genius of the twentieth century, we are almost inclined to laugh them into insignificance.

Chas. Dickens, when he came this way in the forties on board a canal boat before the shrill whistle of the locomotive was heard in the country,

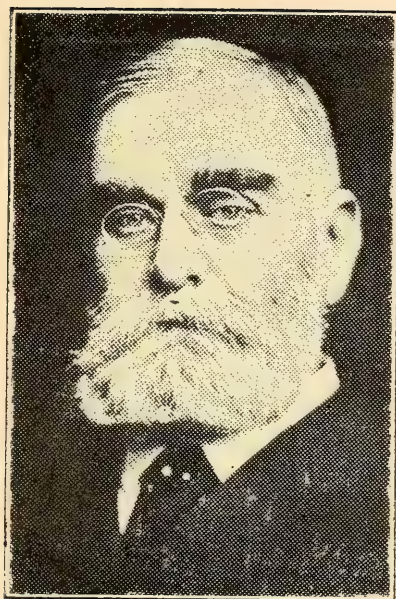


**The New P. R. R. Station**

had this to say relative of his trip:

"Despite oddities—and even they had, for me at least a humor of their own—there was much in this mode of traveling which I heartily enjoyed at the time, and look back upon with great pleasure. Even the running up bare-necked, at 5 o'clock in the morning, from the tainted cabin to the dirty deck scooping up the icy water, plunging one's head into it, and drawing it out, all fresh and glowing with the cold, was a good thing. The fast, brisk walk upon the towing-path, between that time and breakfast, when every vein and artery seemed to tingle with health, exquisite beauty of the opening day, when light came gleaming off from everything; when one lay idly on the deck looking through, rather than at the deep blue sky; the gliding on at night, so noiselessly, past frowning hills, sullen with dark trees, and sometimes angry in one red, burning spot up, where unseen men lay crouching around a fire; the shining out of the bright stars, undisturbed by noise of wheels or steam, or any other sound than the liquid rippling of the water as the boat went on—all these were pure delights.

"Then there were new settlements and detached log cabins and frame houses, full of interest for strangers from an old country; cabins with simple ovens outside, made of clay, and lodgings for the pigs nearly as good as many of the human quarters; broken windows patched with worn-out hats; old clothes, old boards, fragments of blankets and paper and home-made dressers standing in the open air without the door, whereupon was ranged the household store, not hard to count, of earthen pots and jars. The eye was pained to see the stumps of great trees thickly strewn in every field of wheat, and seldom to lose the eternal swamp and morass, with



**James McCrea**  
President of the Pennsylvania Railroad



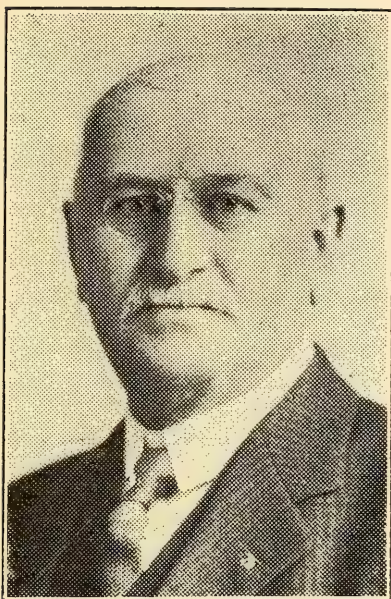
hundreds of rotten trunks and twisted branches steeped in its unwholesome waters."

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### HISTORICAL.

There were projects for the construction of a railroad from east to west across this state discussed at intervals, and surveys of various routes made, but no decisive action was taken until April 13, 1846, when the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., was incorporated by an act of the Legislature, with an authorized capital of seven and one-half million dollars. We note that among the commissioners for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the stock of the company were the following residents of Huntingdon county: John Geo. Miles John Kerr, A. P. Wilson, Edwin F. Shoenberger. Benjamin Leas, John McCahan, John Long, Brice Blair, Thomas E. Orbison, Edward Beil, William Williams and John Porter. John Edgar Thompson was chosen as the chief engineer and we note also that he entered upon his duties in the early part of 1847. On July 23 of that year a corps of engineers arrived at Huntingdon and began explorations in the vicinity of that borough. On May 19, 1848, thirty-nine sections of the road were let at Huntingdon. The contracts for the portions of the line in Huntingdon and Blair counties let at that time were awarded as follows: "Section No. 87, Thomas Dolan; No. 88, McIlhuff & Daugherty; No. 89, A. & P. Martin; No. 90, Salsburg & Bro; No. 91, Sax-





**W. B. Moore**

Passenger Train Master of the Middle Division

ton & Anderson; No. 92, Becker & Gros; No. 93, George Scott; No. 94, Charles Murray & Co.; No. 95, Charles Murray & Co.; No. 96, James McMahon & Sons; No. 97, White, Wolf & Co.; No. 98, E. & J. McGovern; No. 99, McMurtrie & Fisher; No. 113, Carr & Thurlaw; No. 114, George Leibrick & Co.; No. 115, John McGran & Co.; No. 116, McCue & Gillespie; No. 117, W. P. Sterrett & Co.; No. 121, E. Sankey & Co."

In June, 1850, the road, with a single track, was completed to Huntingdon. On Thursday, June 6, the first locomotive arrived, thus passing through Mount Union, and on the next day trains ran regularly between that point and Philadelphia. The papers of that day regarded it as an evidence of wonderful progress when the distance to Philadelphia and Cincinnati could be accomplished in 3 days and 6 hours. On Sept. 17, 1850, trains began to run via Altoona to Duncansville, where connection was made with the Portage Railroad. On Dec. 10, 1852, trains were run through from Philadelphia to Pittsburg. The Mountain Division of the P. R. R. was not completed, however, until Feb. 15, 1854, when the first trains passed without using the incline planes.

Mount Union is situated 191 miles west of Philadelphia and is located 597 feet above the sea; Huntingdon is 203 miles west of Philadelphia and 622 feet above the sea; Tyre is 223 miles west of Philadelphia and lo-



**Charles I. Fuller**

The pres nt P. R. R. agent at Mount Union

cated 907 feet above the sea; Altoona is 237 miles west of Philadelphia and is situated at an elevation of 1178 feet.

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#### EARLY DAYS OF MOUNT UNION.

The first Pennsylvania Railroad Agent at Mount Union was Joseph C. Sechler, who came here just after the railroad was opened for business. At that time it was a one-track line with sidings located at various points. It was not very long after the railroad was opened until business developed to such a degree that a two-track line was established. The old line passed through the center of Mount Union. The tracks are still lying today, but are used for the storage of cars and for shifting purposes only.

The first station here was a small building located in the vicinity of the former P. R. R. station now East Broad Top station. This pioneer station was burned down, and for a while a temporary structure was built near to where Jefferson Street crosses the old line of tracks today. The third station was erected some time later, which served its purpose well until 1899, when it was abandoned, sold by the company to A. S. Welch, of Mt. Union, torn down in part, and removed. The fourth station building was then dedicated to service, which having been abandoned by the P. R. R. Co., and is now used by the East Broad Top Co. The new P. R. R. station, which is in use today, was open-

ed for service Dec. 15, 1907. A picture of this structure is presented in company with this article.

The old station, a cut of which appears with this article, served well its purpose and was in existence until the town developed and traffic increased to such an extent that a larger and more commodious structure was necessary. In the accompanying picture can be seen the old station. The freight warehouse is in the distance along the left side of the railroad, but it is much smaller than what it is today, an addition having been built since this photograph was taken. Standing in front of this old station, according to information given us, are J. C. Sechler, Rudolph Sechler, John Gayton, John Dougherty, Samuel Hartsock, Squire Fridley and two strangers. This picture was taken before the East Broad Top Railroad was built, in fact before the Dougherty building, on the corner just west of the house visible on the left, was erected. In other words, the picture must have been taken during the sixties, perhaps during the time of the war. Mrs. Weams' house was not yet erected when the photograph was made.

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#### **MR. SECHLER'S ADMINISTRATION**

J. C. Sechler was both Freight and Passenger Agent here from 1850 until 1876. Part of this time, however, he had charge of the station at Newton Hamilton along with that at Mount

Union. In those days there were only two passenger trains run daily. Some of the men who assisted Mr. Sechler in the freight office during his time were: James Barnes, J. White Shaver, Edward Dougherty, Henry Benner, John A. Gayton, Henderson Hamilton, J. A. Postlethwaite and Rudolph Sechler. In 1876 Mr. Sechler was made Ticket Agent exclusively and W. W. Fuller was sent here by the Company from Thompsonstown to take charge of the freight business. The railroad had at that time developed both in extent and in business to a considerable degree.

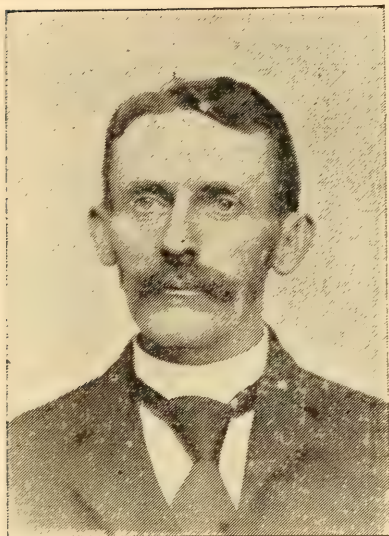
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#### **W. W. FULLER'S ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Fuller took charge of the railroad freight office in 1876. His assistant in handling freight at that time was Jackson Postlethwaite. In 1885 Mr. Fuller was made both Ticket Agent and Freight Agent at this place, and it was at that time, Mr. Sechler's health having become so impaired that he was unable to attend to his duties, that Charles I. Fuller, son of W. W. Fuller, was placed in charge of the Passenger Department, distinguished as Ticket Clerk. On March 11, 1889, A. Watson Fuller entered the service of the railroad and was made particularly Ticket Clerk, which position he has held to this day.

W. W. Fuller, who is now the retired agent at this place, has seen the development of the railroad in late years and has witnessed its development, in fact, from a one-track line to





**J. W. Kauffman**

Assistant freight train master of Huntingdon

a four-track line. During the latter part of his administration, which was concluded on December 1st, 1906, the work became very intricate and the superintendence of the railroad interests here was a considerable task. Some of the men who assisted Mr. Fuller in the freight office were: Jackson Postlethwaite, John A. Gayton, William Sampson, Daniel Appleby, (deceased), I. Newton Taylor, Edward M. Biddle, Wayne C. Fuller, Joseph E. Fields, D. C. Bealman, Chalmers Zeigler, John Robley, Ray Gutshall, Linn Archey, H. E. Hanawalt, Roy Gillam, Marshall Jones and Emory Long.

### VAST IMPROVEMENTS.

Since earlier days when Mr. Sechler was in charge of the railroad here, and in fact since the time when Mr. Fuller began his work in Mount Union, many changes have been wrought in the railroad at Mount Union. As the men at the head of affairs have pushed forward, have built more tracks, and reached a more perfect ideal as to what a railroad ought to be; as the country has been more densely populated and business developed and greater demands been made upon this great organization, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has necessarily been compelled to keep abreast with the times. For many years the railroad ran through the heart of Mount Union, such being a very dangerous condition of affairs. It was decided, prior to 1907, to move the main line to where it runs today, to build a stone arch bridge at the east end of town, and thus to eliminate the two stiff curves at the east and west ends of Mount Union. To-day one of the finest pieces of track, we believe, in the country, passes by Mount Union, elevated to such a degree and protected in such a way that the public does not come in contact with the danger which hitherto was upon us. Of these marvelous achievements we wrote for the Mount Union Times of December 15, 1907, as follows:

In the execution of this work, Mount Union has been greatly benefited. A new station, costing probably \$30,000,

has been built, with comfortable apartments and magnificent surroundings. Two large subways have been made, also a small one for passengers, and in addition to these, waiting rooms on each side of the railroad have been made, for both east and west bound passengers. An elevator operated by electricity will carry the baggage from the baggage room to the train platform. The new station is electric lighted, and steam heated. Magnificent walks and driveways will lead up to the station, when the exterior is entirely completed, which will not be done until next spring.

The removal of the grade and curve east of Mount Union takes away the greatest menace to railroad travel along this division.

The total change is 10 miles in length which includes the erection of two stone arch bridges over the Juniata River, and the digging of an entire new channel for the Juniata River, about 3000 feet in length, which overcame the necessity of building two additional stone arch bridges, and supplied material for making the heavy fills to the west of the new channel. The digging of this river channel necessitated the erection and construction of a temporary three track railroad one mile in length, to take care of the traffic during the completion of the excavation of the new river channel.

The total amount of excavation of the whole line is about 3,500,000 cubic yards, of which about 2,000,000 cubic yards is contained in the river channel.

The depth of the greatest cut is 120 feet on the center line and the greatest fill is 64 feet on the center line.

The total amount of masonry consists of 116,000 cubic yards, of which the Pyde bridge, consisting of 16

spans of 70 feet each, contains 35,000 cubic yards. The Mount Union bridge, 6 spans of 100 feet each, contains 37,000 cubic yards.

There was also constructed four arch undergrade road bridges, two arch undergrade bridges over streams and 24 separate culverts, the culverts containing 23,000 cubic yards of masonry, mostly concrete.

One entirely new station is being constructed at Mount Union and three others being remodeled and enlarged.

The details of the Ryde stone arch bridge are as follows: Length, 880 feet; width, 60 feet; coping above water, 43 feet; ten 70 ft. spans, spans made up of 12 4 ft. 6 in ribs, weight of keystone, 3 tons; weight of bridge, 70,000 tons; cubic yards masonry, 35,000. Excavation for foundations were started March 7, 1906. First stone was laid on April 26, 1906. Foundations were completed Sept. 8, 1906. First arch was turned on July 10, 1906.

The greatness of such a contract as the above must be seen, in order to realize something of its labor and cost as well as engineering skill. The contract work of the grading was in charge of the Drake & Stratton Co. and P. J. McManus Co.; The Eyre-Shoemaker Construction Co. had charge of the bridges and masonry work, and the station was built by the Steinbach-Billmeyer Co., of Lewistown. The engineering work of the entire project was designed under the direction of A. C. Sband, chief engineer, and E. B. Temple, assistant chief engineer, and has been in charge of Mr. F. M. Sawyer, Asst. Engineer, and Messrs. A. L. Ware and D. L. Diehl, assistants, together with a number of skilled engineers. The Mount Union tracks will be put into service on Sunday next. The P. R. R. agent at Mount Union is Mr. Chas. I. Fuller, the ticket agent is Mr. A. W. Fuller and the baggage-

master is Mr. Wm. Hollenbaugh.

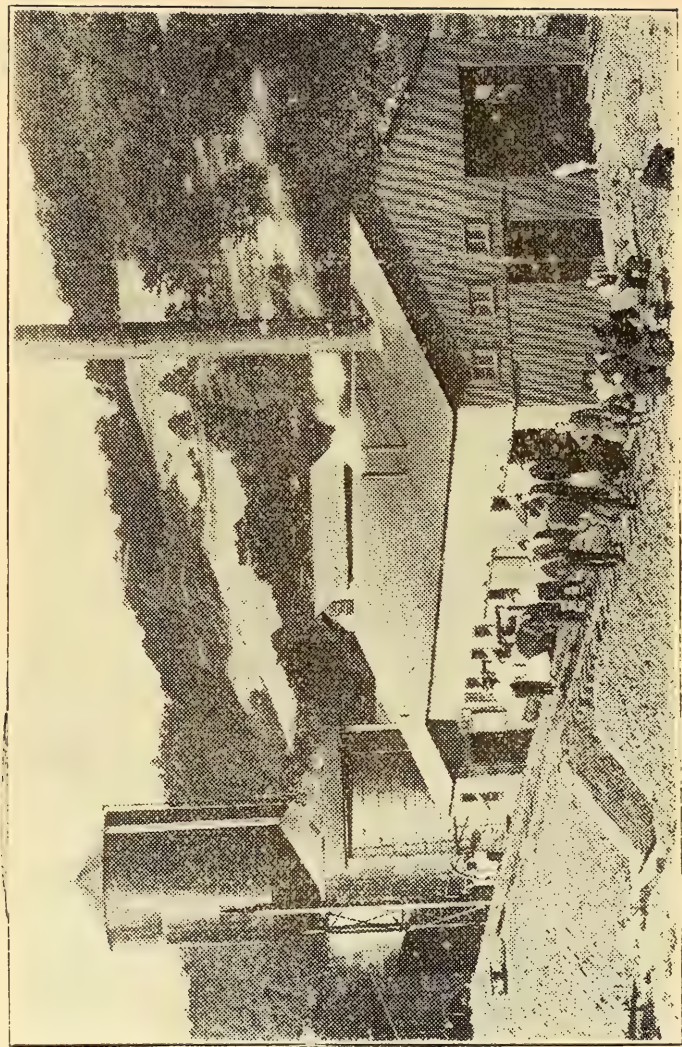
The citizens of Mount Union feel grateful to the Railroad Company for their efforts in our behalf. When all work is completed, especially the exterior, we will have one of the finest stations along the line.

#### **THE PRESENT MANAGEMENT.**

At the present time Charles I. Fuller is Agent at Mount Union. His assistants in the Freight Department are as follows: John Robley, Chief Clerk; Joseph E. Fields, Billing Clerk; Wayne V. Fuller, T. Lynn Archey, George Chilcote and Ray Gutshall, Freight Clerks; H. E. Hanawalt, Foreman of Warehouse; Roy Gillam and Fred W. Fuller, Warehouse Men. It might be well to mention here that two shifting crews are located in Mount Union, one day and one night shift. The daily car record here is approximately two hundred. A Yard Master, whose name is J. B. Phelan, has recently been sent here to look after this department. A Policeman, Mr. B. W. Anderson, resides in town, employed by the Railroad Co. Curtis Eberts, the faithful watchman at the Jefferson Street crossing, whose services to the Company and to the public life have been recognized for several years, continues to hold his position today as in the past. W. H. Ingram, Charles Clingler, John T. Norton, Joseph Funk and Charles E. Hart are operators and reside in Mount Union.

At the passenger station, which is under the direction also of Charles I. Fuller, Agent, the Ticket Clerk is A.





The P. R. R. Wood-Preserving Plant, Mount Union, Pa



Watson Fuller, the Assistant Baggage man is William Hollenbaugh. Roy Gillam attends to the carrying of the mails, and Thornton Bechtel is Watchman and Janitor.

William Renninger is foreman of the track crew. Mr. Pechtel is also a foreman who resides in this place.

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### THE TIE-TREATING PLANT

Mount Union's latest industry is the Tie-Treating Plant, having been erected during the last year by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., on their grounds northeast of town, along the Juniata River. The purpose of this industry is to treat the ties used on the railroad to creosote, the object of this being the preservation of the life of the ties. This is a complete industry, and its erection marks a specific addition to the manufacturing interests of Mount Union. It was only a few months ago, in fact, that this plant was opened for work, having been inspected by men of the Company who stand at the head along this line, and pronounced satisfactory. In fact, so far as we can learn, this process of tie treatment to creosote is somewhat of an experiment, this being the first industry of this kind built by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. About seven thousand gallons of creosote are used daily, this material being imported from Europe, stored in large tanks in Philadelphia, and thence shipped to this point. At the present time there are two thousand feet of

railroad siding in and around the plant, and the daily capacity is about two thousand ties treated. At present time they have on hand about five hundred thousand ties. Mr. Carl W. Tiffany is the Superintendent of this plant and, approximately, fifty men are employed there.

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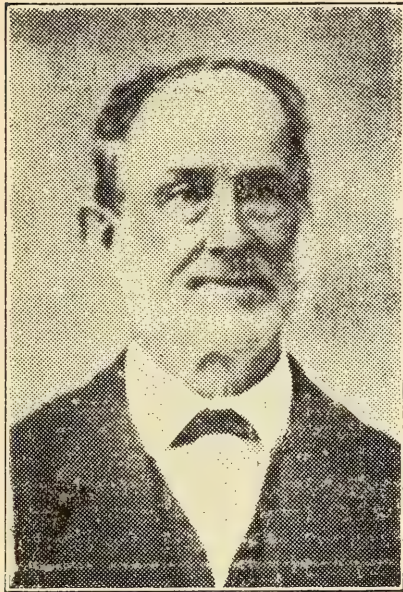
#### THE MEN AT THE HEAD.

We cannot omit in the writing up of the railroad interests at Mount Union in this sketch the men who are at the head of this great corporation, those having charge of this immediate territory. We note the efficiency of James McCrea, who stands as the President of this great organization, and whose broad-mindedness has been recognized world-wide. We also wish to pay a tribute to the men who stand at the head of the Middle Division: Superintendent C. A. Preston, of Altoona; Mr. Brook Moore, the Passenger Train Master; Mr. Copley, Freight Train Master, of Altoona, for their exercise of marked ability and keen judgment in railroad affairs. J. W. Kauffman, of Huntingdon, Assistant Freight Train Master, has been in the service of his Company for many years, and is in immediate charge of this department of the work in this territory. His devotion to duty and his keen judgment in railroad affairs have brought him into recognition among his superiors as a man well fitted for the position which he holds.

**ADAMS EXPRESS AGENTS.**

The following have been Adams Express Agents at Mount Union: Abram Lewis, John Daugherty, John B. Speer, Walter Speer (now the Mayor of Denver, Colo.); Castner Miller, W. A. Heckert and C. O. Ely.

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**JOSEPH C. SECHLER.**

Joseph C. Sechler, the first P. R. R. Agent at Mount Union Station was a son of Rudolph and Susannah Sechler, and was born in Danville, Pa., Nov. 11, 1811. Mr. Sechler died after a long life of usefulness and about thirty years spent in the employ of his Com-

pany, Sept. 12, 1885. Some time was spent in the early part of his life as a clerk in his native town. From that place he went to Harrisburg, but returned to Danville later and engaged with D. M. Leisenring in business. He lived in Shamokin, in Mifflintown, where he was employed in a store, in Lewistown, where he was employed as a clerk, and from Lewistown he went to McVeytown. Just how long he remained in these places we are not able to ascertain, but he must have been between the age of 21 and 24 when he first left his native town. and perhaps a period of 10 years was spent in the above respective places.

Mr. Sechler was united in marriage March 7, 1844, to Miss Malinda Taylor. To that union were born nine children, namely: J. Emma, of Cincinnati; Rudolph; Alice; Mary; Henry J.; Martha; Anna; Belle, (Mrs. W. H. Allen) of Downingtown, and Cordelia. Rudolph, Martha and Anna all reside in Mount Union. It was about 1844 when Mr. Sechler and wife took up residence in Newton Hamilton, where they continued to reside until he was appointed Passenger and Freight Agent at Mount Union, when the agency was established in 1850. In December, 1850, Mr. Sechler and family came to Mount Union and occupied a part of the old warehouse which he had fitted up for that purpose.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Co., because of the dampness and incon-

venience of the warehouse residence, were compelled to rent a house for Mr. Sechler and family until they could erect a new one. He moved into the new structure about thirty years prior to his death, in which house he passed away. He continued as both Passenger and Freight Agent at the Mount Union Station from 1850 to 1876, when the increase of business was such that the Company separated the two, and wishing to honor him for his faithful service, appointed him in charge of the station and W. W. Fuller Freight Agent. Mr. Sechler continued to hold his position with great acceptance and faithfulness until stricken with disease in the early part of 1885. Mr. Sechler was a member of the Presbyterian church. He was an able citizen and possessed a kindliness of heart and intelligence of mind and thoughtfulness for others, which was conspicuous in his walks among men. He enjoys this distinction of being the first Agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Mount Union Station, the railroad then in its incipiency, but now having grown to be the greatest system of the kind in the world.

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#### W. W. FULLER.

W. W. Fuller, the P. R. R. Agent at Mount Union from 1876 to 1906, was born at Ickesburg, Perry county, Pa., Nov. 6, 1837. He was unfortunate in the loss of his parents before he had reached his first birthday, and be-



**W. W. Fuller**  
The retired P. R. R. Agent at Mount Union



cause of this was nurtured and brought up under the care and solicitude of kind relatives, particularly grand-parents and an uncle on his mother's side. Mr. Fuller's education was received in the common schools, at Airyview Academy near Port Royal, which was then under the direction of Dr. Wilson, at Markleville Institute, at Landisburg Institute, and finally at Millersville State Normal School. Mr. Fuller prepared himself for teaching, and with great success held the principalship of the Port Royal, Duncannon, Thompsontown and Millerstown schools respectively, as well as organized and taught a select school in Newport.

Mr. Fuller entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company March 5, 1865, and became assistant to Agent W. J. Jones at Millerstown. His efficiency was soon recognized, and on December 1, 1866, he was made Freight and Passenger Agent at Thompsontown. On April 1, 1876, he relinquished that position and accepted the agency at Mount Union station, which position he held with approbation and success until he was placed upon the pension roll December 1, 1906, after 42 years of service. For over a third of a century his work on the Pennsylvania Railroad was marked with faithfulness and ability. During his time on the railroad he was a personal friend of these men who to-day are at the head of the list, namely: President, J. McCrea, Charles E.

Pugh, and many others. In fact, it was Mr. McCrea, at that time Superintendent of the Middle Division, who sent Mr. Fuller from Thompsontown to Mount Union.

Mr. Fuller was married to Miss Eliza Jane Kipp September 19, 1860, and to that union were born seven children, two of whom died in infancy. The surviving children are: Charles I. (now P. R. R. Agent here); Viola (Mrs. I. N. Taylor, of town); A. Watson (now P. R. R. Ticket Clerk); Wayne V. (in the Freight Department); Esther E., at home. Mrs. Fuller was a native of Millerstown. She departed this life August 13, 1907.

Besides his railroad interests Mr. Fuller has frequently found time to seek the Muse, and because of his passion for literature, particularly poetry, has been called the poet of the Juniata Valley. Some of his best productions are: "The Eighth Wonder of the World", "The Horseshoe Bend", "Jack's Narrows", "The Youths of Fair Saville", and "The Vale of the Juniata". He has found much pleasure in singing of the natural phenomena and splendors of the Juniata Valley. Mr. Fuller is a member of the Presbyterian church, a teacher in the Sunday School, has held frequent borough offices, taken several degrees in Odd Fellowship, and has aimed to be an upright citizen in the community.

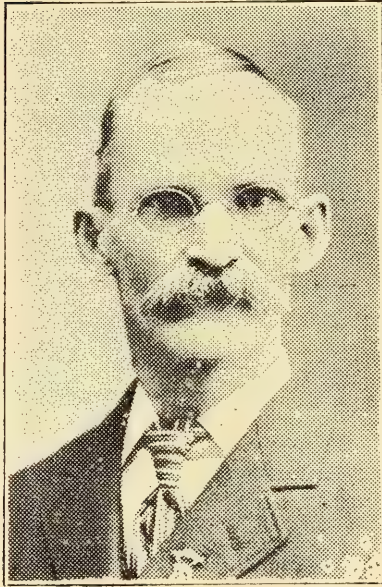
**CHARLES I. FULLER.**

Charles I. Fuller, the present P. R. Agent at Mount Union, was born in Thompsonstown, Pa., January 1, 1864, a son of W. W. Fuller, now retired agent at Mount Union. Mr. Fuller entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad on Feb. 22, 1882. About 3 years were spent in the Freight Office under the superintendence of his father, and following this, Mr. Fuller spent 4 years as Ticket Clerk at the Passenger Station, succeeding J. C. Sechler in 1885. On March 12, 1889, Charles I. Fuller went to Newton Hamilton, where he had been appointed by his Company, as both Freight and Passenger Agent. He remained there from March 12, 1889, until December 1, 1906, at which time, because of the efficiency of his work and recognition of his ability by his superiors, he was made Agent at Mount Union Station, which today ranks among the largest and most intricate along the Middle Division. In other words, Charles I. Fuller followed in the steps of his father after the latter had reached the retiring age and had rounded up a worthy career for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Mr. Fuller was married October 23, 1889, to Miss Elizabeth Wharton, daughter of D. S. Wharton and wife, of Mount Union. He is the father of four children, namely: Fred W., William D., Rachel and Charles I., Jr. Mr. Fuller is an elder of the Presby-

terian church, an active citizen in this community, a member of the town's Board of Education, and also belongs to the Masonic order.

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**JOSEPH E. FIELDS.**

The oldest man, both in years and railroad service in the Pennsylvania Railroad Freight Office of Mount Union today, is Joseph E. Fields, who was born Nov. 12, 1854, in Mifflin County, on the former Fields, now J. B. Gearhart, farm one and one-half miles east of Mount Union. After receiving a common school education, Mr. Fields entered the service of the

Pennsylvania Railroad Co., Nov. 22, 1871, and he has thus given this great corporation his indefatigable services ever since, with the exception of about three years early in the seventies. Mr. Fields, in other words, has spent about 32 years in the employ of the railroad, and at the present time is serving his 21st year in the Freight Office. He is one of the sons of the late Elisha Fields, of Mount Union, an excellent citizen, a consistent member of the Methodist church and a man who is faithful to his obligations.

For a number of years his work in connection with the Freight Office duties was that of Baggage Man and Mail Carrier between the post-office and the trains, but at the present time, the railroad business having so advanced, Mr. Fields' entire time is devoted to that of Billing Clerk.

He came to Mount Union in 1883, having at that time built the house on West Shirley Street, where he still resides. He was married January 17, 1877, to Miss Uzzie A. Haines, and to this union were born two children, one deceased, and the other, W. Harry Fields, who now resides in Joliet, Ill., being a foreman for the American Refractories Co. Joseph E. Fields is a charter member of the Odd Fellows' Encampment here, and also a member of the Maccabees, and has served his community in the past as tax collector.



**A. WATSON FULLER.**

A. Watson Fuller, at present the Ticket Clerk in the passenger station at this place, was born at Thompson-town, Pa. His childhood days were spent at that place, and in 1876 he came with his parents to Mount Union, where he has resided ever since. Mr. Fuller entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company on March 11, 1889, as Ticket Clerk, and he has remained in this position since that time. He has shown efficiency and devotion in the discharge of his



duties, and has, because of his affability, won many friends as he meets men and women from time to time at the ticket window. A part of this time in the service, Mr. Fuller acted as Baggage man also, for a number of years assisted by Joseph E. Fields; but since the new station has been brought into service, Mr. Fuller's duty has been that of Ticket Clerk exclusively, other men being provided to take care of the baggage. A. Watson Fuller is a member of the Presbyterian church, a teacher in the Sunday school, an upright citizen, and a man of much esteem in the community.

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#### CARL W. TIFFANY.

Mr. Carl W. Tiffany, the superintendent of the tie or wood preserving plant at this place, is a native of Fleetville, Lackawanna county, Pa. His early days were spent on a farm. His early education was received at the Keystone Academy, located at Factoryville, Pa., after which he attended Bucknell University, from which institution he received both the bachelor and master in arts degrees. Mr. Tiffany taught in the Keystone Academy for five years, (1903-1908) when he entered the service of the P. R. R., in the Forestry Department. He came to Mount Union in June, 1909, where he has since been located.

**GEORGE L. FIELDS.**

George L. Fields is one of the oldest railroad men in Mount Union. He was born April 8, 1847, one of the sons of the late Elisha Fields, on the Fields' farm just east of town. At the age of 13 he worked on the canal, at the second lock below Mount Union, in the employ of William Gayton and his father. He entered the railroad service Feb. 2, 1862, at which time he helped grade for the second track in Jack's Narrows. In 1865 he took charge of the floating gang. On Sept. 1, 1876, he was made track foreman of the Vineyard Division. In the spring of 1880, he moved to Mount Union, where he was made track foreman of the Mount Union division. This position he held until July 15, 1895, at which time Mr. Fields was, because of poor health, given charge of signals for about five years. At the present time, he is tie and wood inspector for the company, a position of considerable importance. He married Sept. 10, 1868, to Harriet L. Burd. of Ford Littleton, who died April 20, 1903. His children are: Edward, (P. R. R. conductor on Middle division) residing in Harristurg; Amanda, (Mrs. Augustus De Frehn) of Johnstown; Albert of Altoona; Charles, deceased; Frank at home.



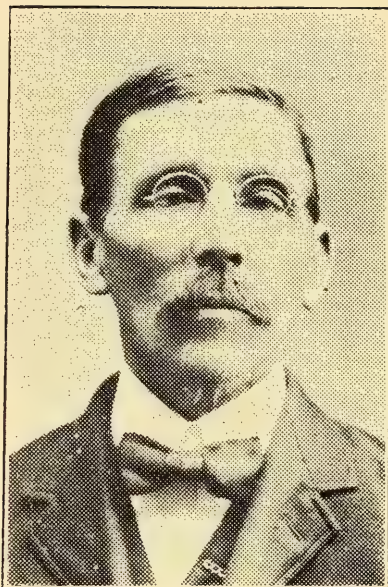


George L. Fields

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**FRANCIS M. HOOPER.**

Francis M. Hooper was born July 11, 1852, at Malinda Furnace, now Pogue, Huntingdon county, Pa. He is one of the oldest railroad men in Mount Union, he having helped also to lay the first track of the E. B. T. R. R. through Mount Union. When eight years old, he moved with his parents to Bell's Furnace, later Edward's Furnace, near Otelia, Pa., and after residing there for about 2 years, they came to Matilda, later Lucy Furnace (1862), an industry that years ago flourished opposite Mount Union,



and mention of which has been made previously in this history. Mr. Hooper worked at the old furnace for about three years, after which time he was employed with John Bare in the construction of the tannery, and later in the Rosensteel establishment, the Rosensteels having purchased the plant from Mr. Bare.

It was in 1869 that Mr. Hooper entered the employ of the P. R. R. Co., in the "floating gang" under the superintendence of George L. Fields. On April 15, 1873, he entered the employ of the East Broad Top Co. Mr. Hooper enjoys the distinction of being the oldest haggagemaster on the East Broad

Top Road. He was engaged with the Broad Top Co. until 1894, he having been brakeman, foreman on the track, and for eight years fireman on the shifter in the Mt. Union yard.

Mr. Hooper entered the employ of the P. R. R. as a division hand in 1894. In 1900 he was promoted to pumpman, he having been stationed at Bellwood, Ryde, Mill Creek and Jack's town, respectively. He is to-day employed as fireman at the Tie Treating Plant, having been transferred to that department on June 27, 1909.

Mr. Hooper married Miss Rose Hartzle, of Path Valley, May 30, 1875. To that union were born these children: Grace, (Mrs. Wm. Rohm), of town; Jesse M., of town; Arminta, Lodema, and Florence, at home; Myrtle, (Mrs. Harry Corbin, of Altoona); Thomas, at home. Mr. Hooper is a member of the M. E. Church, the Odd Fellows and the Maccabees.

#### THE EAST BROAD TOP RAILROAD.

Mount Union is the northern terminus of the enterprising narrow gauge road which reaches out and up into the rich coal regions of the Broad Top Mountain as well as traverses one of the best agricultural regions of Central Pennsylvania. The East Broad Top Railroad & Coal Co. was organized under an act approved April 16, 1856. Simultaneous with the movements looking toward the construction of a railroad from Hunting-

don, known as the Huntingdon & Broad Top today, reaching the western side of the Broad Top coal field, efforts were made to organize companies to build a road from Mapleton or Mount Union to the eastern side. It so happened that meetings were held at several points in the southeastern part of Huntingdon county to awaken the citizens to the importance of this project. The result was the granting of a charter March 24, 1848, for the formation of the "Drake's Ferry" and "Broad Top Railroad Co," but subsequent efforts to organize the company failed. The work of construction of the East Broad Top Railroad was started on Sept. 16, 1872, and the road was opened for business from Mount Union to Orbisonia, a distance of 11 miles, on August 30, 1873. The road was opened thus to Robertsdale, the southern terminus, on Nov. 4, 1874. The length of the main line is 30 miles; the gauge 3 feet; the cost of the road was \$914,142.82; the cost of the equipment was \$163,779.25; the first officers were: President, William A. Ingham; Vice-President, Edward Roberts, Jr.; Secretary and Treasurer, W. B. Jacobs; Chief Engineer, General Manager and General Superintendent, A. W. Simms. Mr. Simms for a while lived in Mount Union in the brick house now occupied by J. A. Rosensteel on Water Street. During 1881, 143,449 tons of bituminous coal, 19,117 tons of pig metal and 25,219 tons of iron and other ores were car-



ried over the road, in addition to the heavy local freight and passenger traffic.

The East Broad Top Railroad enters Mount Union through the heart of the town from the south, her track running parallel to the old Pennsylvania Railroad line. The rails of the track running through town were laid in 1873. F. M. Hooper of town is one of the men living today who helped to lay this track, and Mr. Hooper also tells us that he was the first Baggage Master on the East Broad Top, and for many years was an employe of this Company, prior to his service on the Pennsylvania Railroad. The East Broad Top Railroad has grown and developed considerably since its construction. Following the administration of Mr. Sims, A. W. Greenwood was the Superintendent and Mr. Greenwood was succeeded by Robert S. Seibert, the present President and General Manager. During Mr. Seibert's administration the road has been brought into an almost perfect state; the road bed has been perfected; heavier rails have been laid, and the track today is in as good condition as that of the Pennsylvania. When Mr. Seibert entered the East Broad Top Railroad Presidentship, he inaugurated methods of development which have proven quite successful. He is a practical railroad man, having had considerable experience in railroad management and construction in his time. He came here from Cal-

ifornia, where he had large railroad interests.

A few weeks ago, in our issue of Oct. 22, 1909, the Times contained an article concerning the East Broad Top Railroad and its progress. We quote from this article in part herewith:

Prior to Mr. Seibert's taking charge, 5 years ago, the road was in a very poor, as well as unsafe condition. New ties have been put in throughout the entire line; the 40-lb steel rails have been replaced by new 60-lb rails throughout; the old wooden bridges have been replaced with steel ones except two, which will be replaced in the next few months; and in addition to these improvements, the Jacobs and Neelyton Branches have been built, the engineering for same being done by Mr. Byron Woodcock, the Company engineer. The East Broad Top road is now about 50 miles in length and doing a thriving business. The railroad and the Rockhill Iron and Coal Co., two separate companies, but managed under one head, employs about 850 men, on the road, tracks, in the shops, offices and mines. Over 1000 tons of coal are being shipped daily.

The towns along the East Broad Top Railroad, leaving Mount Union and going southward, are: Shirleysburg, Orbisonia and Rockhill, Three Springs, Saltillo and Robertsdale. Other stations interspersed are: Aughwick Mills, Pogue, Coles, Jacobs Junction and Woodvale, the latter being

the southern terminus of the railroad.

The Jacobs mines are under the superintendence of Mayor R. W. Jacobs of Huntingdon. Jacobs is a little town coming into prominence because of her coal interests, lying upon a branch of the East Broad Top road.

J. S. Somerville is in charge of the mines at Robertsdale and Woodvale, being superintendent of the Rockhill Iron & Coal Co.

At Rockhill are the car shops, the offices of the company, which are in the new station, the company's electric lighting plant—in fact the equipment is a complete one, the company being able to build their own cars and remodel their own coaches and locomotives. Leading out from Orbisonia is the Shade Gap branch of the East Broad Top road, Shade Gap being a quaint old town in the "Shades of Death" of Indian lore, six miles distant from Orbisonia. This branch has recently been extended four miles farther east to Neelyton, a little town in the lower end of Huntingdon county, which is situated in a very resourceful territory. Through this branch of the East Broad Top Mount Union comes into touch with the lower end of the county, and particularly the rich and fertile sections of the upper Tuscarora and Shade Valleys.

At Mount Union the East Broad Top people have extensive interests also. Their coal is brought here over the narrow gauge from the mines, placed upon chutes and dumped into Penn-

sylvania cars and shipped out to various parts of the country. The transportation of this commodity requires the service of a number of men who are in the steady employ of the Broad Top Co. Mr. Luden K. Chilcote is the agent at Mount Union today, and his assistants are H. R. Jones and D. C. Bealman. Chalmers Zeigler has charge of the Jacobs coal business at the Mount Union yard. The Ticket Agent of the East Broad Top road at present is Mr. D. C. Bealman, he serving for Rudolph Sechler, the latter's health having become so impaired that he has been unable yet to return to his duties since last summer. The shifting crew: I. Newton Smith is the Engineer; William Mahon is the Conductor; John Mahon, Jr., is the Fireman; Frank Galbraith is the Brakeman; John Mahon, Sr., is the Watchman and Hiram Locke is Car Inspector. There are about 1300 tons of coal handled at the East Broad Top yard here daily. About 280 cars are moved daily also, and there are about 25 men employed at the present time, but when the furnaces are running there are about 40 men employed. The East Broad Top road has in its time been a great transporter of iron because of the Rockhill furnace, which today, we regret to say, is not in operation, but we have an optimistic view in anticipating the opening up of this enterprise in the near future, brought about by the development of business and prosperity in the coun-

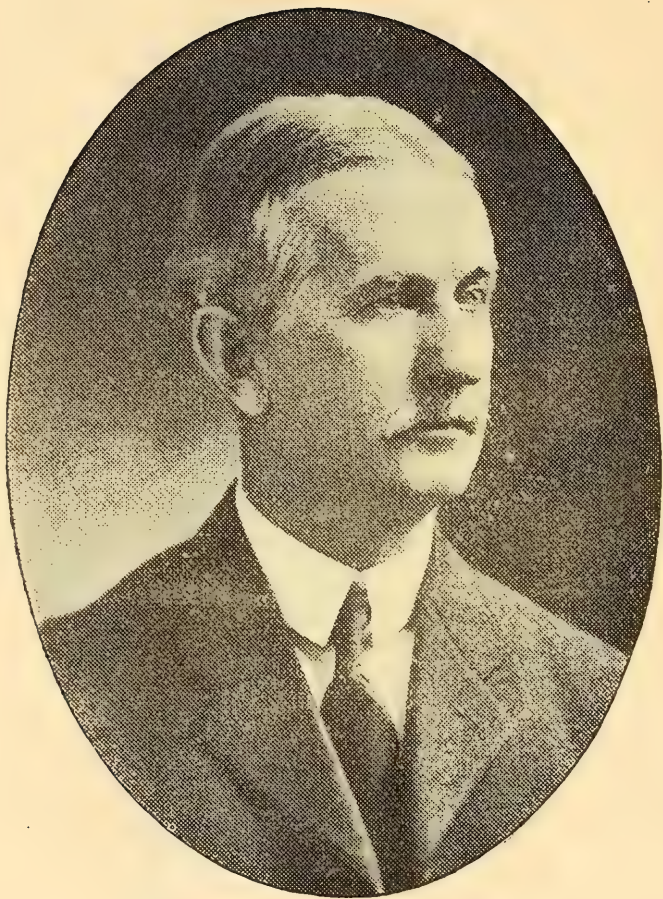
try. This industry gave employment to many men who reside in Orbisonia and Rockhill.

The first East Broad Top Agent at Mount Union was Rudolph Sechler, who entered the service in 1873, and is practically still with the company. His services have been recognized by his employers all these years. A biographical sketch of Mr. Sechler appears elsewhere in this production.

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#### ROBERT S. SEIBERT.

Mr. Robert S. Seibert, the President and General Manager of the E. B. T. R. R., was the first ticket agent for that company at Mount Union, in 1874. He was born May 9, 1856, in Tuscarora Valley, about two miles from Blairs Mills. His early life was spent at home on the farm, until April 1, 1864, when the family moved to Mount Union. Mr. Seibert attended the public schools of Tuscarora Valley and of Mount Union until 1867, at which time he attended a private school, conducted by Prof. Schultz, in the rear of the old Presbyterian church of this place, for about 5 years. From 1871 until Jan., 1874, he was employed as clerk in the stores of G. W. McLaughlin, G. W. Lukens, T. A. Appleby, F. D. Stevens and Alfred Etnier. In 1874 he entered the employ of the P. R. R., having learned telegraphy with D. S. Drake, now of Huntingdon. He worked at various stations on the Middle Division, from January until October, 1874, at which time he en-



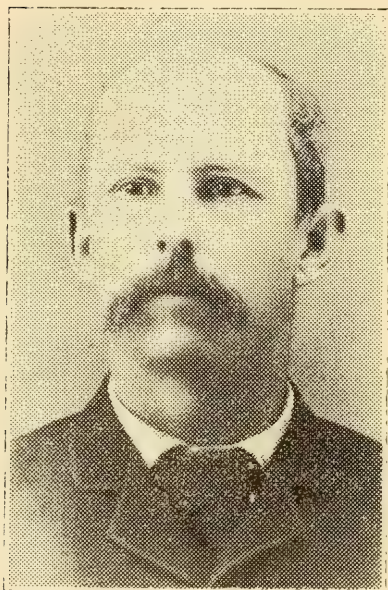
**R. S. Seibert**  
President and General Manager of the E. B. T. R. R.



tered the service of the E. B. T. Co., as ticket agent and operator at Mount Union. In 1878 he was made ticket agent and train despatcher at Orbisonia, and in 1881 he went to Chicago, where he was made train despatcher of the Chicago and Eastern R. R. He remained in that position for three years, during which time he pursued a course of study, evenings, at the Douglass University, so as to equip himself better for railroad work. In 1884, Mr. Seibert entered the employ of the New York Central, at Buffalo, being train master. During that time, because of exposure to severe weather, he lost his health and was compelled to go to Colorado to recuperate. It was in the Silver State that he entered the employ of the Denver & Rio Grande, where he filled various positions, until appointed Superintendent of the Terminals at Pueblo. Mr. Seibert left Pueblo in 1892 when he became General Manager of the Nevada Southern R. R. having his office in Los Angeles, Cal. He resided in California 11 years, during which time he was engaged in railroad construction and operation of mines, as well as the operation of railroads. Mr. Seibert sold his railroad and mining interests in 1903, when he took charge of the East Broad Top Railroad and Coal Co., residing at Rockhill. His successful career with the E. B. T. is familiar to every person in this section. He married Miss Gertrude Woodcock, of Altoona, Pa., September 18, 1890. Mr.

Seibert's parents were natives of Tuscarora Valley.

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**RUDOLPH SECHLER.**

Rudolph Sechler was born in Newton Hamilton, April 15, 1846, and has resided most all of his life, with the exception of the time spent in the army and in early childhood, in Mount Union. He was associated with his father in the Freight Office here for about 12 years, being known as warehouse man. Like his father, Rudolph Sechler saw the railroad in its incipency and has also seen it grow from a one-track to a four-track line.

He married Miss Susan M. McIntyre in December, 1868, and to this union the following children have been born: Florence, deceased; Theodore, of Harrisburg; Anna M., Mrs. J. H. Landis, and Alice H. Mrs. J. M. Minick, both of town. Mr. Sechler was a soldier, a member of Co. F, 19th Penna. Cavalry. Leaving the Pennsylvania Railroad, he entered the employ of the East Broad Top Railroad Co., on Sept. 3, 1873, being the first Agent and Yard Superintendent for that Company at this place. Mr. Sechler has been in continuous employ of the East Broad Top Railroad Co. since that time, but today, because of illness, is unable to attend to the duties of his position; hence D. C. Bealman of town is acting at the present time as Ticket Agent in his stead, Mr. Sechler having been given this position a few years ago. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, (the John C. Ross Encampment), at this place, a trustee in this organization; a member also of the P. O. S. of A. (Secretary); a member of the Canton of Tyrone (Odd Fellows) 42; and also Adjutant in the G. A. R. at Mount Union. He is one of our oldest residents, and has been associated with the railroad interests all his life.





**LUDEN K. CHILCOTE.**

Luden K. Chilcote, the present E. B. T. R. R. agent at Mount Union, was born in Orbisonia, Pa., Sept. 5, 1878, a son of Edward B. and Margaret J. Chilcote. He spent his boyhood days at home. He entered the service of the railroad in May, 1898, as warehouse man at Orbisonia. In March, 1899, he was promoted to the agency at Robertsdale, where he served faithfully until July, 1903. From July, 1903, to July, 1904, Mr. Chilcote was a clerk in the Superintendent's office at Orbisonia. From July, 1904, to Sept., 1906, he was train dispatcher at Orbisonia.

Since Sept., 1906, Mr. Chilcote has been agent at Mount Union, where he has held his position with efficiency and ability.

Luden K. Chilcote was married to Miss Essie Lamberson of Orbisonia, Oct. 22, 1902. He is an excellent citizen and a member of the Masonic Order (Cumberland Lodge, No. 572, of Orbisonia). He is the father of one daughter.



# THE CHURCHES

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The importance of the church in the community is unquestionable. Ever since man was created, he has possessed an instinctive desire to worship some higher power. The ancients worshipped the sun, moon and stars. The heathen today bows down to his hideous gods of stone, in the fulfillment of his innate ambition to do homage to some being, greater than himself. Hence, since the establishment of the true Religion in the world, the worship of the true God has been an integral part of man's life. The church, therefore, is the institution, set apart by God himself, for the recognition of the Divine among men; it is God's organization in the world. It is the agent of civilization, as well as salvation. Through it come better laws, better men and women, social elevation, liberty, protection, and peace. The church was one of the first institutions established in Mount Union. It has been and is essential to our life as a community, as a city. As the development of our



church life, so will be our freedom from evils of various sorts. Our moral criterion will be regulated, together with our religious standard, according to our church influence in Mount Union. Let us as citizens place more and more importance upon our churches and the things for which they stand. Our development into a strong community, morally, as well as commercially, must be commensurate with our development in Grace.

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#### THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For the earlier history of the Presbyterian church of Mount Union, we know of nothing better than to reproduce in part the able article written by the late Rev. D. H. Campbell, D. D., and printed in the "Centennial Anniversary of the Huntingdon Presbytery", published several years ago. The sketch, therefore, runs as follows:

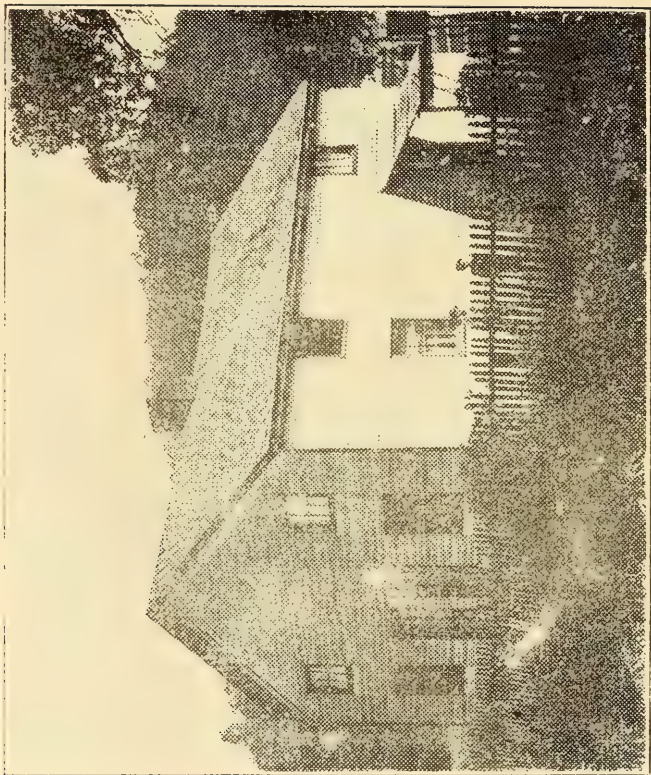
"The church had its beginning as an outpost of the Shirleysburg church. Rev. Britton E. Collins became stated supply of that church in the autumn of 1839. From that as a centre, he went forth, as opportunity presented itself, to preach the gospel and to plant the Presbyterian church. He was one of the most faithful, hard-working and poorly paid ministers in the Presbytery of Huntingdon in his day. He wrought a work of inestimable value and one that will ever redound to his honor. Mr. Collins be-



**The Presbyterian Church**

gan preaching in this community sometime in the year 1845. There were but few people here at that time, and yet there were those who desired the gospel and he was willing to serve them. Services were held in a stone school house that stood near where the Methodist church now stands. They were much appreciated and enjoyed by those who attended upon them, and continued to grow in interest. This is seen in the fact that in the year 1849, a frame building was erected at a cost of \$500, on a lot now adjoining property of Jas. M. Shaver, (afterwards used as a dwelling house) and such was formally dedicated the same year. That was a glad day to the few Presbyterians of this community. Here the gospel was faithfully proclaimed at stated times, and the sacraments were administered by this pioneer preacher, who laid well the foundations of what the present congregation enjoys, and who continued to minister unto this people until April, 1855.

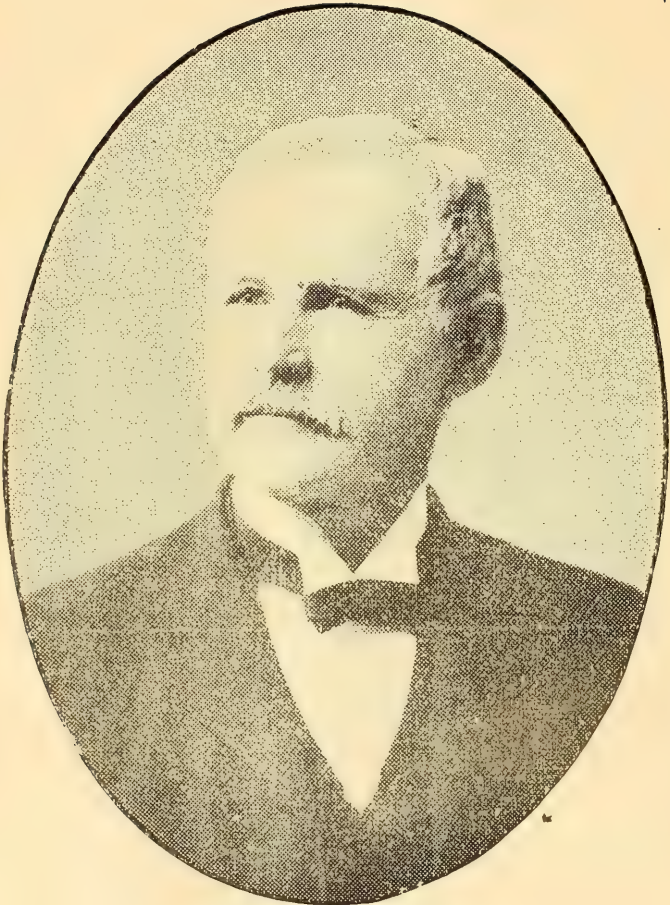
"Rev. Geo. W. Shaffer succeeded Mr. Collins and became pastor of the Shirleysburg church in the spring of 1855. He at once took up the work that had been begun in this place, and statedly preached with much acceptance and profit. The field developed slowly and yet surely. In the latter part of his ministry here, it became evident that an independent organization was both wise and desirable. Therefore, upon an application to the Presbytery of Huntingdon in April, 1865, for an in-



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dependent organization to be known as the Presbyterian church of Mount Union, a committee, consisting of Revs. Geo. W. Shaffer, Jas. C. Mahon and David D. Clark, was appointed to visit this field on the 2d day of May, 1865, and, if the way be clear, organize a church. The committee came, and finding the way clear, organized this church on the above date, with 14 members, namely: Peter R. Shaver, Mrs. Margaret Shaver, J. A. J. Postlethwaite, and wife, Mrs. Eva Bare, Rhoda E. Flasher, Mrs. Eliza Huling, Mrs. Jane Shaver, Mrs. Malinda Sechler, Mrs. Lucy Simons, Mrs. Keziah Snyder, Mrs. Katharine McKinstry, and John Pollock and wife, who were received by certificate from the Shirleysburg and other churches. J. A. J. Postlethwaite was chosen and ordained a ruling elder, which position he filled with ability and acceptance for nearly 12 years. He rendered efficient help to this congregation. He removed to Altoona, Pa., where he was in communion with the Second Presbyterian church, in whose fellowship, he spent the remaining years of his life; and where he passed peacefully away to his reward in the year 1879, Oct. 19th. Mr. Shaffer continued to minister to this congregation until April, 1866, almost a year after the organization was effected, when his connection with his church and that of Shirleysburg was severed by action of Presbytery. His ministry continued for 11 years. He faithfully





**Rev. S. W. Pomeroy**  
Pastor of Presbyterian Church from 1871 to 1884



sowed the seed and cared for the flock over whom he had been made overseer. He is still kindly remembered by those who sat under his ministry.

"Rev. Cochrane Forbes, a returned missionary, commenced his labors with this church, in connection with the Shirleysburg church, in October, 1866. It was in his ministry, that it was decided to build a more commodious and stately building, on the southeast corner, Shirley and Division streets. This building, was erected in the years 1866-67, at a cost \$4,500 and was formally dedicated in Nov., 1867.

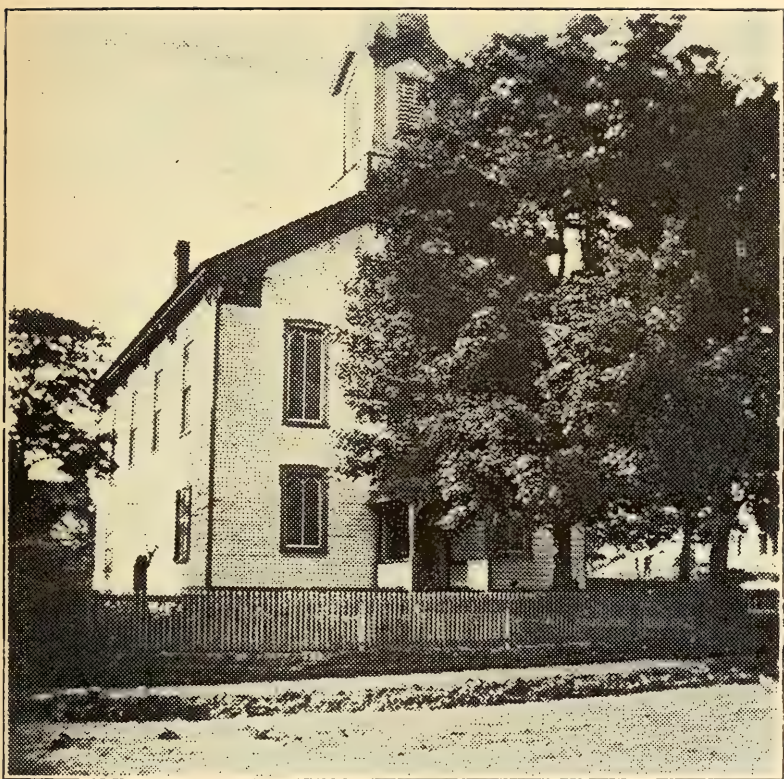
"Peter R. Shaver and James Mackay, M. D., were ordained to the office of Ruling Elder in 1866. Dr. Mackay remained only a few years with this church and then removed to the West. Mr. Shaver was a faithful, efficient and acceptable ruling elder for almost 28 years. He left an impression for good in this community. At the advanced age of 80 years, 10 months, and 23 days, he suddenly passed into the Master's presence on Saturday morning, May 5, 1894.

"It was in the spring of 1866, that the Sabbath school was organized in the old frame church. Mr. Forbes continued faithfully to serve his people, until April, 1870, when he felt compelled to relinquish the work here that he might return to the foreign field and take up again the work

there which he had been compelled to lay down on account of ill health. But while on his way to return, he was suddenly stricken down in Philadelphia, where he died. His heart was in the foreign work, but he was not permitted to return to it.

"Rev. S. W. Pomeroy was called to this church in connection with the Newton Hamilton church in the spring of 1871. He entered upon his duties the 1st of May and was duly installed as pastor, on the 24th of August, for a part of his time. He entered upon his work here, under auspicious circumstances, and had the cordial support of his people. The session was strengthened on the 17th of March, 1873, by the ordination of Thomas A. Appleby and Dr. Wm. A. Hunter, to the office of ruling elder. Rev. Pomeroy resided in Newton Hamilton until the spring of 1878, when his relation to that church ceased by action of Presbytery. Then he removed to Mount Union and occupied the parsonage, which was a most generous gift of Mrs. Mary Brewster, by will, at death on March 19, 1876, to the Mount Union Presbyterian church and congregation, to be a home for their pastor.

"In the year 1878 a connection with the Shirleysburg church was again effected. The church building was repaired and remodeled in the years, 1882-83, at a cost of about \$3000 and re-dedicated, July 9, 1883. Mr. Pomeroy continued pastor until



**The old Presbyterian Church. Dedicated 1867. Vacated 1908.**

April, 1884, a period of 13 years. In that time 170 new members were added to the church, which increased the membership from 25 to 111; the Sabbath school roll was increased from 75 to 166; and the contributions amounted to \$10,236. The years 1872, 1875, 1878 and 1883 were especially marked as revival years, and witnessed large additions to the membership. Rev. Pomeroy did an excellent work here, but was compelled to resign on account of ill health."

The later history of the church is to a great extent known to most of the people of our town. It was as successor to Rev. S. W. Pomeroy, that Rev. D. H. Campbell, D. D., came, the man who was near and dear to his people and who gave his life in the service of this pastorate. Dr. Campbell died Jan. 31, 1901. During his pastorate many were added to the church and an able work was effected. Then this church was in connection with the churches of Shirleysburg and Mapleton later the Newton Hamilton church being substituted for the church of Shirleysburg.

It was on July 9, 1901, that Rev. Harvey W. Koehler came to Mount Union and took up the duties of this charge. For over five years he labored here, meanwhile many were added into the church and the success of the work went on. During this pastorate two other churches were builded in our town, namely, Lutheran and

Baptist, and this naturally took away a number of persons at the time affiliated with Presbyterianism, who by faith were members of the stated sects. Rev. Koebler preached his farewell sermon on Sunday evening, Sept. 16, 1906 and relinquished the work here to take up the duties of the church at Atglen, Pa.

Rev. Harry M. Campbell, the present pastor was called here Nov. 23, 1906, and prompt acceptance of the call brought him here shortly after, to take up the work. Since his coming he has been doing a great good, the church has prospered, the work of the new edifice moved rapidly forward and there seems to be a favorable outlook for the future. Rev. Campbell is much interested in the upbuilding of the church in every way, and is a live, energetic man.

It was during the pastorate of the late Dr. D. H. Campbell that Messrs. W. G. Ewing (deceased), I. Newton Taylor and B. C. Wharton were made ruling elders.

Mr. Chas. I. Fuller, being a ruling elder in the Newton Hamilton church was elected April 1st, and ordained an elder of the Mount Union church Sunday, April 5th, 1908.

The officers of the Presbyterian church are as follows: Pastor Rev. Harry M. Campbell; Native preachers in China, Ngo Kwai Fong and Yeang Chi Naam, There are also three Bible women, natives of China, in training school. The members of the

Session are: T. A. Appleby, W. A. Hunter, I. N. Taylor, B. C. Wharton, and Charles I. Fuller. The trustees are A. S. Welch, Pres. W. T. Bell and James M. Shaver. The church treasurer is D. E. Shaver. The choir leader is Mr. Chas. I. Fuller. The church organist is Mrs. Mary M. Gifford, Miss Esther Fuller, assistant.

In the Sunday school the superintendent is T. A. Appleby, Charles H. Welch, assistant, Supt. Primary room, I. N. Taylor; Superintendent Home Department, B. C. Wharton; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs. Mary M. Gifford; Secretary, Ralph Taylor; Treasurer, Wayne V. Fuller; organist, Miss Esther E. Fuller; Assistant, Misses Ruth Taylor and Belle Niforth; Librarian, D. S. Wharton, "Star" Secretary Wm. D. Fuller.

The President of the Christian Endeavor Society is Mr. Chas. H. Welch, The President of the Ladies' Aid Society is Mrs. Charles I. Fuller.

The members of the Building Committee of the new church were: T. A. Appleby, Pres., A. S. Welch, treasurer, Dr. A. R. McCarthy, secretary, W. T. Bell, Dr. W. J. Campbell, I. N. Taylor, B. C. Wharton, D. S. Wharton, W. A. Hunter, W. W. Fuller, T. H. Adams, C. F. Ewing, W. C. Gayton, Jas. M. Shaver, A. Simons, John B. Heckert, T. N. Kurtz, W. T. Sheaffer, D. E. Shaver, W. D. Rummel, Rev. Harry M. Campbell.

The present membership of the Presbyterian church here is 360, 180



having been added to the roll during the present pastorate. The church is progressing, under capable leaders, and it has only been recently that a movement has been inaugurated to utilize the old church for a gymnasium, reading room and a suitable place for the young men to gather and spend their winter evenings.

#### **NEW CHURCH DEDICATED JUNE 28, 1908**

The new church building is a handsome structure covering almost the entire lot. It is built of gray brick, and trimmed in gray stone. The architect was J. L. Fulton, of Uniontown. The contractors were the Messrs. Steinbach, Billmeyer, Co., of Lewis-town. An excellent concrete pavement surrounds the structure. The pipe organ is partially the gift of Andrew Carnegie. It was built and placed by Reuben Midmer & Son, of Brooklyn, N. Y., costing \$2000.

The church has two galleries in the auditorium, seating in all about sixty people. There is a ladies' parlor, containing a handsome fireplace, and such proves a fine addition to the structure. The pastor's study is another ante-room entered from the rear of the pulpit. The Sunday school room is commodious and has a large gallery. The Auditorium and Sunday school room are separated by accordion doors with glass,—the same permitting the light to get through, and adding much to the appearance. A room below, large, comfortable, heated and lighted, is devoted



**Rev. Harvey W. Koehler**  
Pastor of Presbyterian Church from 1901 to 1906

ed to dinners and socials, such as will be held in the church's interest. A kitchen provided with the apparatus necessary for culinary skill is also a feature of the lower story.

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#### REV. HARVEY W. KOEHLER

It was on July 9, 1901 that Rev. Harvey W. Koehler and wife came to Mount Union. Rev. Koehler was born Oct. 2, 1869 in South Bethlehem, Pa. His early life, boyhood and youth, were spent at home assisting his parents in what way he could. He attended the public schools, and after the family had moved to Kingston, Pa., he as a young man united with the Presbyterian church in April, 1884, and entered the high school of Kingston and graduated therefrom. For a while he was in the mercantile business. Called to the ministry, he attended the Wyoming Seminary and later Princeton University, from which he graduated in 1895. He was graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1888. On May 11, 1898, he married Miss Susan E. Schooner of Weatherly, Pa., Rev. Koehler's first pastorate was at Shenandoah, Pa. He left the Mount Union charge in September, 1906, when he entered the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Atglen, Pa. He has recently received a call and accepted the pastorate of the Second Presbyterian church of Chester, Pa. Rev. Koehler was an active worker for the church during his time in Mount Union.



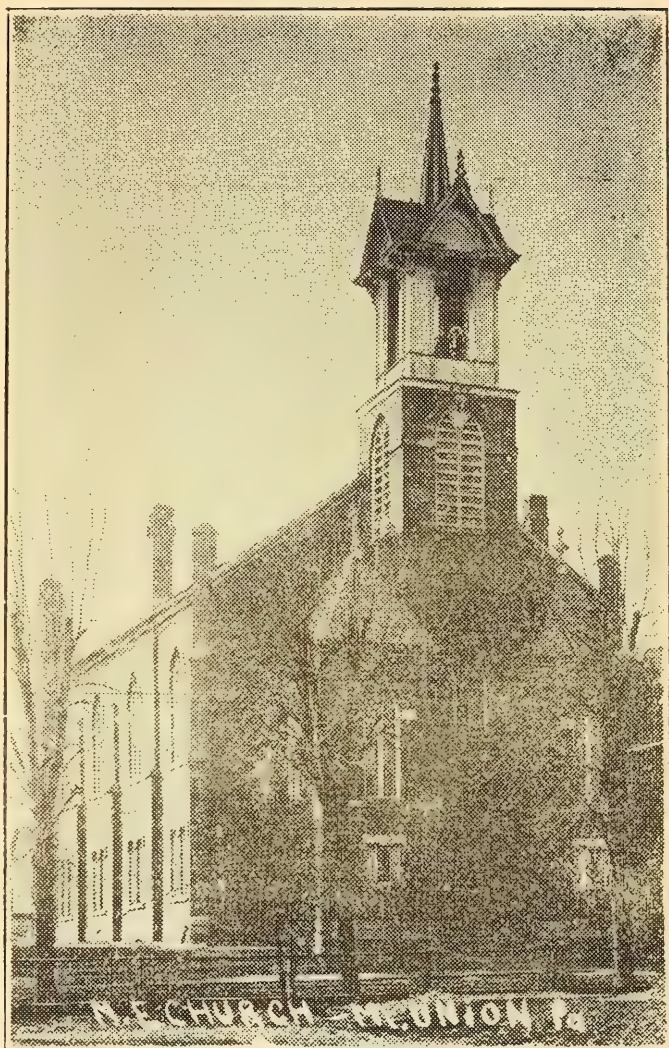
Rev. Harry M. Campbell

**REV. HARRY M. CAMPBELL**

Rev. Harry M. Campbell, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Mount Union, was born on a little farm at Pine Grove, Lawrence county, Pa., and his early days were spent in the tilling of the soil. Even while he toiled on the farm as a boy, he showed an inclination to learn, studied, made some progress in books, and as soon as possible entered school. He attended the old district school, and later entered and graduated from Slippery Rock Normal school in 1896, a member of a class of 110. The same year he was elected Assistant Principal of the West Newton public school, and the following year he was made Principal of that institution, which position he held 3 years. Even while teaching Mr. Campbell pursued part of his college course at Grove City, from which institution he was graduated in 1901. He took up the study of medicine with the intention of making that his life profession, but later he entered the Western Theological Seminary in Allegheny, Pa., where he spent 2 years, and graduated finally from Princeton Seminary in 1904. He came to Mount Union, called by the Presbyterian congregation, Nov. 23, 1906. Installed Apr. 1907.









### THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Methodism seems to have flourished in Mount Union at a very early day, and we note that an abundant crop of that sect had been raised here in a comparatively short space of time. The first Methodist sermon preached in this town was delivered by that eccentric and yet popular minister, Rev. Jacob Gruber, in 1838. This service was held in the old stone schoolhouse, then standing in the rear of the site now occupied by the present church structure on Shirley Street. This old schoolhouse was at the south side of the old road, which in that day was one of the great thoroughfares connecting the Aughwick region with the west. From the seed sown by Rev. Gruber in 1838 we are told that a society of 30 or more was formed in 1842 with Samuel Shaver as class leader.

The Mount Union Methodist congregation originally belonged to the old Shirleysburg charge. The church was afterward for some years connected with Mapleton and Mill Creek, respectively. It was in the spring of 1886, however, that it became a station, self-supporting and prosperous, and since that date it has grown to be one of the largest charges in the Central Pennsylvania conference.

Some of the pioneer members of the Methodist church were: John Pooher and wife, Mrs. Keziah Shaver, Thos. H. Huling and wife, Samuel

Shaver and wife, John Sharrar and wife, Geo. W. Speer and wife, Mrs. Geo. McLaughlin, Elizabeth Shaver and Joseph Mapes and wife. It was about 8 years after the organization of the society that the little band had grown to such dimensions and the congregation had increased so rapidly under the old-fashioned spirit of Methodism—singing, praying and preaching, that it became necessary to have more room than the old schoolhouse afforded, and they tell us it was in 1850 that their first house of worship was erected upon the site occupied by the one standing today. The present brick edifice was built in 1873. The lecture room, however, was dedicated in 1874 by Rev. Dr. Dashiell, and the auditorium dedicated in 1879 by Professor H. A. Gray of Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. The entire cost of lot and building was about \$11,000. The Methodist Sunday-school was organized in April, 1864, the superintendent being Jackson Postlethwaite. In that day there was a union Sunday-school. The first superintendent, however, of the Methodist Sunday school in particular was Adam Haishberger. Following him, if our information is correct, were William Rosensteel, James Rosensteel, Frank Stevens, William Stevens, Sheriff Bathurst, Charles DeFrehn and W. J. Landis, Miss Lida McIntyre of town was one of the first teachers in the Methodist Sunday-school. In fact the first class organized was assigned to

her. Some of the representatives of this class were: Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Clay Shaver, Mrs. Belle Rider, Mrs. Margaret Kiel, Lena Lewis and Miss Beckie Fields. Several of this class, however, are deceased.

Among the early preachers who served the Methodist church here following Mr. Gruber were: Rev. Hinkle, Rev. S. M. Hartsock, 1866-68, Rev. J. C. Clark, 1868-70, Rev. John Moorehead, 1870-73, Rev. M. L. Smith, 1873-76, Rev. W. C. Robbins, 1876-78, Rev. H. M. Ash, 1878-80, Rev. J. W. Cleaver from the spring of 1880 to 1883. During the year ending March, 1882, the church had so prospered that a contribution for church purposes of \$1587 was made and the membership had grown to 121 with 25 probationers. Among the other early Methodists were: F. D. Stevens, Isaac Taylor, David Etnier, Edward P. McKittrick, Emanuel Harencame, E. K. Rodgers, W. Hildebrand, William Seibert, Charles Stratford, I. N. Swope, I. N. Stevenson, M. L. Rex, George Fields, J. F. Stratford and Daniel Snyder. Some of these herewith named are still living.:

The present membership of the Methodist church is over 500. The Sunday-school numbers about 600 with an average of about 400 in attendance. The Epworth League is a large and growing body of young people who take deep interest in church work. The Junior League numbers over 100. The prayer-meeting is largely attend-

ed and is known as one of the greatest assemblies in the conference. At the recent convention in Lewistown the Mount Union Leagues were accorded first place in the Juniata district.

Some of the pastors who have served in this church since it became a station in 1886 were: I. N. Moorehead 1886-87, C. L. Benscoter 1888-90, Lyons M. Brady 1891-92, George E. King, 1903-06, George D. Penepacker, D. D., 1907-08. The present pastor is Rev. George Leidy, of whom we can well say: he is alive and at his work, a diligent expounder of the Gospel and a very faithful pastor.

The officers of the Methodist church are as follows: Board of Trustees: H. H. Fields, President; J. N. McClain, Secretary; Joseph Longacre, Treasurer; F. M. Hooper, Albert Anderson, R. M. Longacre, Thomas Galbraith, A. W. Jones and Richard Kiel. The Board of Stewards is: Dr. C. E. Culver, E. M. Beers, Dr. Samuel Gregory, Willam Love, Dr. C. A. R. McClain, D. B. Price, Walter Jenkins, O. J. Cassady, Charles Stratford, E. R. Stratford, Ambrose Booher, L. J. Myers, Charles Gehrett, Evans Parsons, J. A. Rosensteel. Dr. C. E. Culver is a local preacher; E. R. Stratford and Cloyd Fields are exhorters. The President of the Ladies' Aid Society is Mrs. J. N. McClain; the President of the Epworth League is Miss Mary Shaver; the Superintendent of the Junior League is Miss Minnie

Jones; the Superintendents of the Sunday-school are W. J. Landis and Dr. C. E. Culver. Charles Stratford and J. N. McClain are class leaders. The President of the Mystic Circle is Mrs. J. N. McClain; Secretary and Treasurer is Mrs. Dr. Culver. Of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Miss Verna Parsons is President; Mrs. Ralph Cassady, Secretary, and Miss Emily Baker, Treasurer. Of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. C. E. Culver is President, Miss Mae Jones is Secretary, and Mrs. Ralph Cassady is Treasurer. Of the King's Heralds, Miss Mary McClain is President; Miss Cora Foreman, Vice President; Miss Vella Witherall, Secretary; Harold Culver, Treasurer. Of the Junior King's Heralds the President is Mrs. R. M. Longacre; Vice President and Treasurer, Miss Mae Jones; Secretary, Robert McClain. The Vice Presidents of the Epworth League are Cloyd Fields, Mrs. R. M. Longacre, Mrs. C. E. Culver, Miss Emily Baker, John Barbin, Miss Cora Foreman is organist; Miss Mary Pechtel, Assistant, and Dr. Culver, Chorister. Of the Junior Epworth League Miss Minnie Jones is Superintendent; Mrs. George Leidy, Assistant; President Erma Rosenteel, and the Vice Presidents are: Mary Landis, Ethel Gillam Herman Smith, Elva Foreman, Zelma Rorer; Treasurer, Frank Saylor. A Sunday-school was organized this summer at Allenport, a flourishing suburb of Mount Union, which

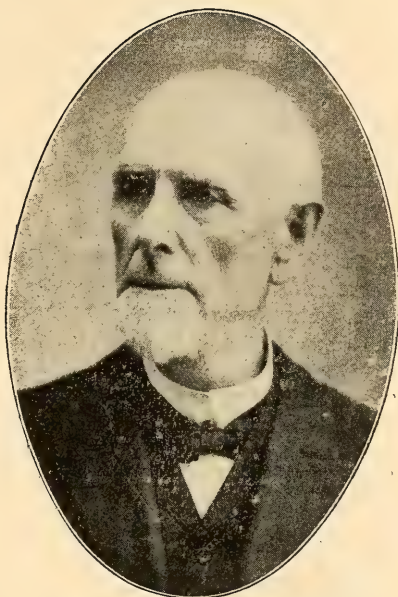
now numbers about 100. The officers of this are: Dr. C. E. Culver, Superintendent; Evans Parsons, Assistant; Mrs. Rena Palmer, Secretary; Mrs. Alex. Mentzer, Treasurer. At the last meeting of the quarterly conference it was decided to build a church at Allenport. A Board of Trustees was elected, and this board was constituted as a building committee, namely: Cyrus Copenhaver, S. F. Crawford, Dr. C. E. Culver, Evans Parsons, C. S. Fouse, L. R. Sneath and Anthony Hess. The Methodist church is in a flourishing condition in Mount Union, and we note here also that a new parsonage adjoining the church has in recent years been erected, which constitutes one of the finest parsonage buildings and equipment of any church in this district.

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#### REV. GEO. E. LEIDY.

Rev. Geo. E. Leidy, the present pastor of the Methodist church of this place, has been in the ministry for many years, and has been a hard and diligent worker for the cause of righteousness. Rev. Leidy, since coming to Mount Union in March, 1909, has won many friends as well as the esteem of the entire community. Through his energy, together with the efforts of his people, a church has been organized at Allenport, the growing suburb of Mount Union.





**Rev. George E. Leidy**  
Present pastor of M. E. Church

### THE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

The Mount Union United Brethren Church has passed away. In its day it was one of the flourishing churches of this community. The first meetings of this religious sect were held in the basement of the Presbyterian meeting-house in 1869, when the United Brethren church at this place was organized. Services were confined, they tell us, to the Presbyterian meeting-house until the building of their own structure.

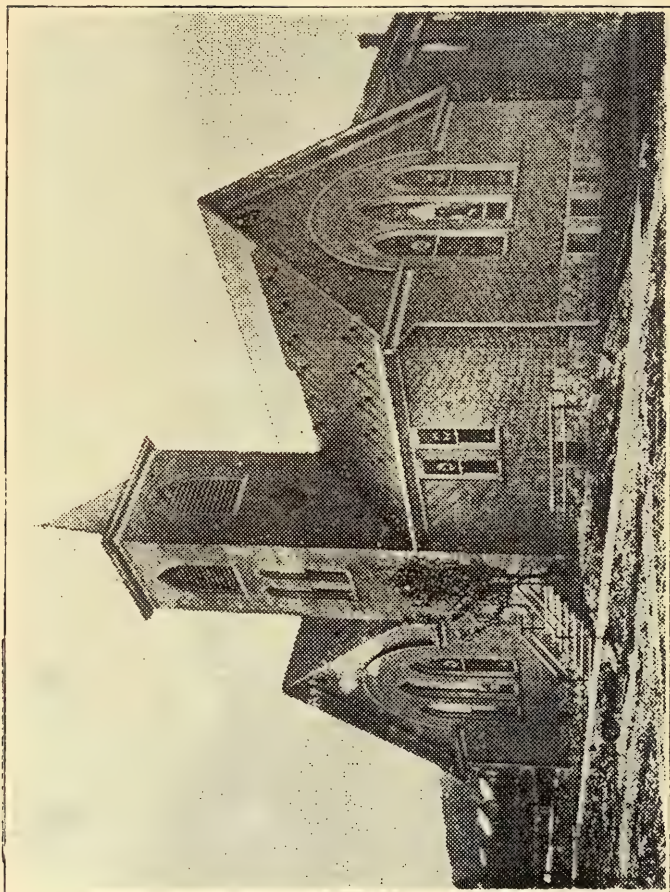
Among the original members of the United Brethren cult were: B. J. Devor and wife, Philip Smith and wife, J. C. Lockard and wife, Mrs. Nancy Faust and daughters, J. O. Rouse and wife. Mr. Rouse made a bequest to the church of a house and lot valued at \$2000. He died, however, before the church edifice was completed. The church was made of brick, located upon the site where now the Odd Fellows' Hall stands on the north side of Shirley street. In fact, it was on December 28, 1896, that the Odd Fellows purchased the church, took the steeple and the roof off and erected a second story upon the walls of the original one-story church; thus today the Odd Fellows' Hall represents in part the United Brethren church of the past.

The house and lot referred to in the preceding paragraph, is now owned and occupied by Geo. W. Lukens, so F. H. Harrison informs us. Samuel Bowman and wife were

among the early United Brethren also in this community, Mr. Bowman being a trustee. The church was erected by Andrew Wise, who had the contract.

The United Brethren church edifice was built in 1871, the corner stone being laid in August of that year by Reverend M. P. Doyle, assisted by other Reverend gentlemen. The church was formally dedicated on Jan. 7, 1872, by Bishop J. W. Weaver, and cost for lot and building was \$8000. The first pastor of this church was Rev. J. R. Shearer, who came to Mount Union in 1869 and organized the church and remained two years. Some of Mr. Shearer's successors in this pulpit were: J. C. Smith; M. P. Doyle, who remained four years; W. A. Jackson, two years, and A. J. Zeak. In 1882 the membership was 35, and the value of the church property was \$8000. There was then a Sabbath-school connected with the church, of which A. Brown was superintendent.

Rev. Maxwell was the last minister to preach in the U. B. church. He was an influential preacher and met with much appreciation among his people. Often was the Word proclaimed from the United Brethren pulpit and though the church building has passed into oblivion and many of the original members have passed to the Great Church beyond the influence of the United Brethren in Mount Union will never be forgotten.

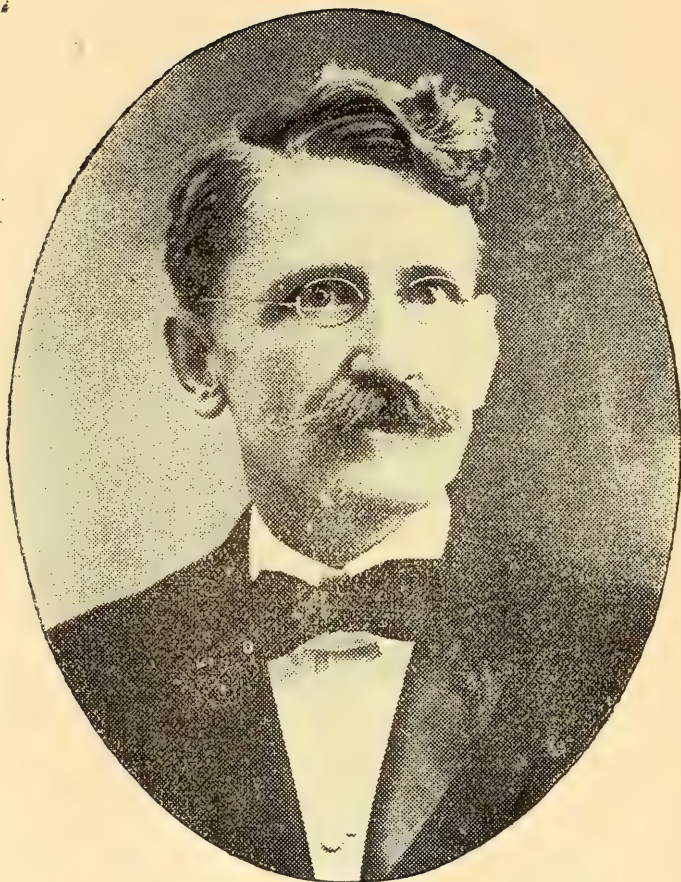


**The Lutheran Church**

### THE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The members of the Lutheran faith in Mount Union met in the Odd Fellows Hall in Tuesday night, July 14, 1903, and organized into a church, the following officers being elected at that time: Elders, I. A. Basset, C. V. Hackman, R. J. Faust, Sr.; Deacons: G. B. M. Kepler, W. G. Fisher, Charles Ingwers. On the following Sabbath morning, July 19, 1903, they met in the room over Ewing's store, recently vacated by the Y. M. C. A., for the organization of a Sabbath school. For some time, in fact until their church on the corner of Jefferson and Market streets was ready for occupancy, the Lutheran people met in this room in the Ewing building. The corner stone for the First Evangelical Lutheran church in Mount Union was laid on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 25, 1904. The exercises were marked by several noted speakers who were here from a distance, and at that time a considerable sum of money was raised toward the erection of the church building. The new church was dedicated on Sunday, July 16, 1905, and the event was the combination of earnest endeavor on the part of its members and their pastor, who have labored diligently toward the establishment of a congregation and the erection of a house of worship in Mount Union.





**Rev. T. L. Crouse**  
First pastor of Lutheran Church



### REV. THEODORE L. CROUSE

Rev. Theodore L. Crouse was the first pastor of the Lutheran church of Mount Union, having come to Mount Union in company with his family on Dec. 1, 1903. Rev. Crouse was born in Littlestown, Adams County, Pa., where his ancestors for three generations back had lived their days. He attended the public schools, later the Millersville State Normal school, and graduated in 1887 from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. He was united in marriage to Miss Catharine S. LeFevre. Prior to coming to Mount Union, Rev. Crouse filled a charge of Harrisburg, and also was pastor of the St. Thomas, Franklin County, Lutheran church for several years. Rev. Crouse was instrumental in the building of the Lutheran church here, and was an earnest worker toward the promulgation of the Gospel.

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### THE PRESENT ORGANIZATION

The Trustees of the Lutheran church are: R. J. Faust, Sr., Charles H. Weyant, William J. Wenzel; the Elders are: B. F. Lutz, R. F. Ernest, and Jesse S. Smith; the Deacons are: Charles Ingwers, C. V. Hackman and George W. Laird; the Superintendent of the Sunday school is R. J. Faust, Sr.; the President of the Christian Endeavor is Rev. W. C. Spayde; the President of the Ladies' Aid Society is Mrs. William Hollen.

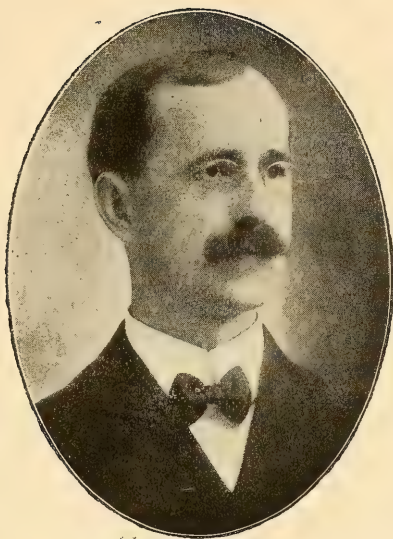
baugh, and the President of the Womans Home and Foreign Missionary Society is Mrs. C. V. Hackman. The present church membership is about 129 and the attendance of the Sunday school is about 140.

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#### REV. W. C. SPAYDE

Rev. W. C. Spayde came to Mount Union, Dec. 1, 1906, succeeding Rev. T. L. Crouse, the first pastor here, who at that time accepted a call to Sharpsburg, Pa. Rev. Spayde was born in Hummelstown, Pa., March 10 1872. For several years he with his family resided in Middletown. He entered the ministry at the age of 27 years. He spent 8 years at the preparatory school, Gettysburg College and also the Gettysburg Theological Seminary. He held the Penmar pastorate in Franklin county, later a charge in Homestead, Pa., for 2 years. From Homestead Rev. Spayde came to Mount Union. He was married to Candise S. Wise of Steelton. He is the father of one son, Luther.





**Rev. W. C. Spayde**  
Present pastor of Lutheran Church



**The Baptist Church**

### THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The corner stone of the First Baptist Church of Mount Union was laid Oct. 9, 1904. The Baptist congregation here was organized July 1, 1903, with 13 members, and in July 30, 1903, Rev. H. K. Bower was ordained as pastor, having preached his first sermon here on June 27th previous. The laying of the corner stone was effected with fitting ceremony, the other pastors of the town at that time Rev. G. E. King, Rev. H. W. Kœhler and Rev. T. L. Crouse, taking part. The Baptist church was dedicated on Oct. 1, 1905. Rev. H. K. Bower, the pastor, remained with success in this charge until Sept. '08. His labors in this field were quite fruitful, and at the expiration of his pastorate a goodly number had been brought into the Baptist fold. Rev. Bower was also interested while here in various other organizations promotive of good in the community. The 13 charter members, those who were instrumental in the erection of the Baptist church, were: F. H. Harrison and wife, C. B. Crum and wife, H. S. Smelker, H. F. White and wife, Anna G. Ashman (now Mrs. W. K. Harrison), Mary E. Madden, John Smyers and wife, Agnes Smyers, H. K. Bower.

The present pastor of the First Baptist Church is Rev. A. C. Lathrop, who came to this charge from Clearfield, Jan. 1, 1909. The Deacons are: Dr. J. C. Stever, H. F. White, Archey Parsons. The Trustees are: F. H. Harrison, C. B. Crum, H. S. Smelker and

George Oppel. The clerk is H. W. Harrison; Treasurer H. F. White; Financial and Missionary Secretary, Miss Mary Bagshaw; Superintendent of the Sunday School, C. B. Crum; President of the Young People's Union, Miss Mary Bagshaw; President of the Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. J. C. Stever; Superintendent of the Junior Union, also Mrs. Stever. The teacher of the Christian Culture Class is Dr. J. C. Stever; teacher of the Training Class is Carl W. Tiffany. The church has been in a thriving condition during the present pastorate, Rev. Lathrop being a wide-awake, energetic minister of the Gospel.

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#### THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING

The new Baptist Church is a handsome structure, built of concrete blocks and nicely finished within. It is not spacious, but it affords ample room for the growing congregation that seeks to worship within its walls. It is gratifying to the members of this church, the fact that their house of worship is almost paid for, brought about through the benefactions of church people of various congregations and particularly because of the energy and enthusiasm of the Baptist cult in this community.

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#### REV. H. K. BOWER

Rev. H. K. Bower is a native of Lewisburg, having been born in December, 1870. He attended the public schools of his town, later Bucknell University and his theological





Rev. H. K. Bower

course was taken at Crozier Seminary. He graduated from Crozier in the spring of 1903, after which he came to Mount Union, where, with the help of a few faithful people he organized the Baptist congregation, of which he was ordained pastor, July 29, 1903. Rev. Bower was pastor, in addition to the Mount Union charge, of the Shirleysburg, Orbisonia and Mill Creek churches for several years. He preached his farewell sermon in Mount Union, Oct. 1, 1908, at which time he accepted a call to the First Baptist church of York, Pa. He is now pastor of the First Baptist church of Philipsburg, Pa. He was married to Miss Annie Harrison of Mount Union.

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#### REV. A. C. LATHROP.

Rev. A. C. Lathrop was born at Norwich, N. Y., on March 6, 1867. When 6 years old his family moved to Camden, Del., where he attended the public schools until entering the Wyoming Institute in Wyoming, Del. Rev. Lathrop entered and graduated from Bucknell University, taking his degrees in 1894 and '97. He was ordained pastor of the Everett Baptist church August, 1894, and after about eight and one-half years in the service there he accepted a call to Milesburg, and from Milesburg he had charge of the Baptist pastorate in Clearfield, from which place he came to Mount Union. Rev. Lathrop married Anna Parbour of Woodside, Del., Oct. 24, 1894. Three children have been born to this



Rev. A. C. Lathrop

union: Martha, Anna and Carleton. Rev. Lathrop is an enthusiastic worker and an eloquent expounder of the Gospel. During his short pastorate in Mount Union 42 have been added to the church roll.

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### THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

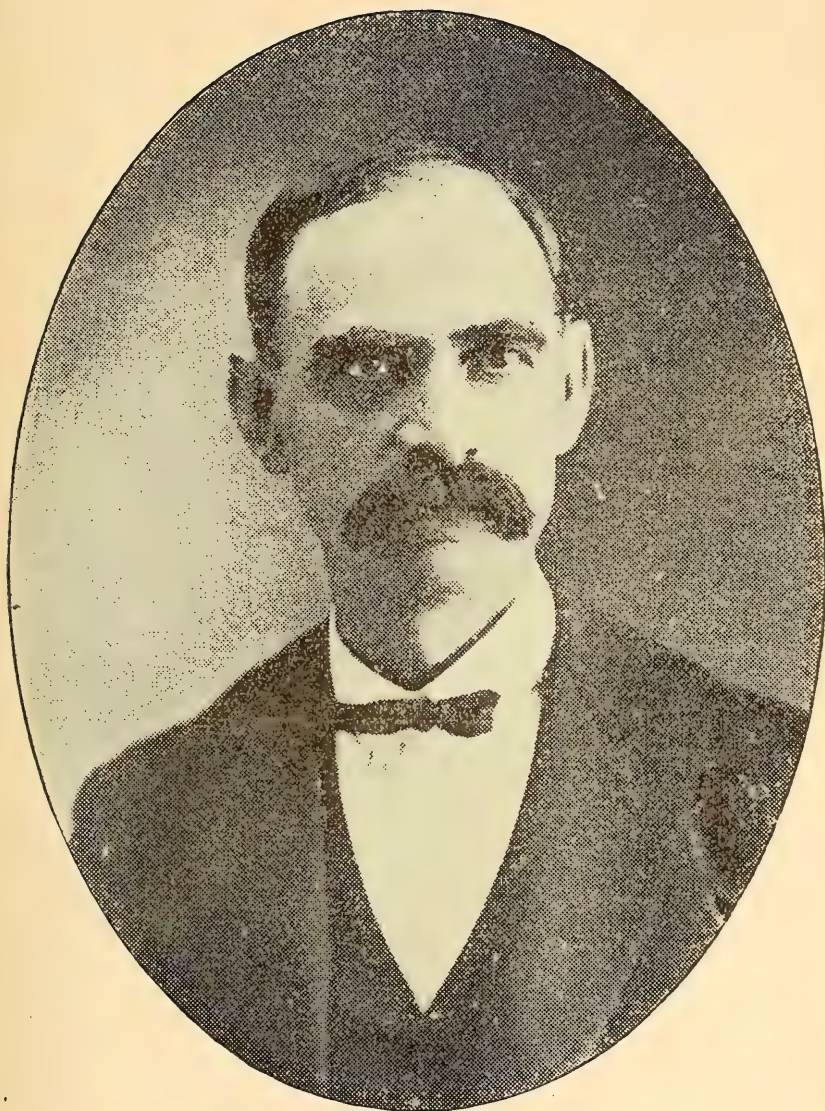
Although Mount Union has a good many followers of the Roman Catholic Faith, they as yet have no church in this community. Services however, are held at stated times in a room devoted to that purpose, in the home of Miss Victoria Dougherty. The Catholic people are endeavoring to raise sufficient funds for the erection of a church, which project will be consummated in the future some time. Father J. L. McQuillen of Huntingdon serves this charge at the present time. The members of the Catholic faith are growing in this community, and all seem to be much interested in their church work, and united toward the building of a house of worship.

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### REV. GEO. E. KING

Rev. George E. King, pastor of the Methodist church at Mount Union for several years, was born in Cameron, Pa., and was a son of a Methodist minister. Rev. King is now at Mt. Carmel, and has been very successful in the gospel field. He preceded Dr. Penepacker to the Mount Union charge. He left here in March, 1907.





Rev. George E. King

### THE SCHOOLS

Few persons living today, residents of Mount Union, remember the old stone schoolhouse which stood to the rear of where the Methodist church or Dr. Culver's residence stands today, along the public road leading to Shirleysburg and the south. This old stone structure was built by John Query of Hares Valley in the fall of 1839. E. K. Rogers, who resides in town today, attended school there and he tells us that the first teacher, who taught in that primitive house of learning was a man by the name of Cooper. Among other teachers who followed Mr. Cooper were: Walter Galbraith, Thomas Askins, George McLaughlin and Thomas Pollock. This old stone structure represented the center of education in the primitive days of Mount Union. It is altogether probable that the "hickory" was kept pretty well warmed up in those days from the information which we glean at the present time. The school was built and belonged to the township and was destroyed by fire, unfortunately, about 1861. The second school house in Mount Union was built just east of the house in which H. E. Lowry now resides formerly the Presbyterian church on east Shirley Street. This structure served as a schoolhouse until 1870 the present school building having been erected in 1871. We are not able to learn the names of the teachers who





The Public School Building

taught in the second schoolhouse in Mount Union, and, in fact, there are few living today, who even attended upon school sessions there. The present school building, erected in 1871, was built with only four rooms, two of which were used at first, and it was not until about 1881, that the four school rooms were put into use. Twice since that, additions have been built, until today, there are 10 rooms in all. The contract for the school building was taken by Benjamin Douglass, deceased. The two lots upon which the school house is located were purchased from Barney McNalties. There was a select school held in the basement of the old Presbyterian church, conducted by several years by Prof. Shultz. A few residents of town today, and those who have gone out from Mount Union, attended school therein. The following were principals of the Mount Union public schools from 1878 to the present time: 1878-1881, J. E. DeVor; 1881-1882, J. B. Black; 1882-1885, James P. Giles; 1885-87 S. G. Rudy and J. M. Bell; 1887-1891, C. E. Kauffman. 1891-1892, G. T. Cooper; 1892-1894, G. C. Hain; 1894-1896, S. W. McClure; 1896-1897, H. L. Beers, 1897-1898, J. H. Swan; 1898-1899, H. L. Beers; 1899-1901, C. V. L. Diener; 1901-1903, J. H. Joyce; 1903-1905, J. A. Runk; 1905-1907, S. W. Gramley; 1907 to the present time, Samuel M. Neagley.

At the present time the teachers

in the public schools are as follows: Principal, Prof. S. M. Neagley; Assistant, Miss Bessie Coughlin; Grammar school, J. M. Kirkpatrick, and for the grades following: Misses Edith Bare, Anna Weber, Myrtle McClain, Verna Parsons, Elsie Landis, Cora Foreman, Lola Eberman and Mae Jones. Miss Bessie Rummel is supply teacher and librarian.

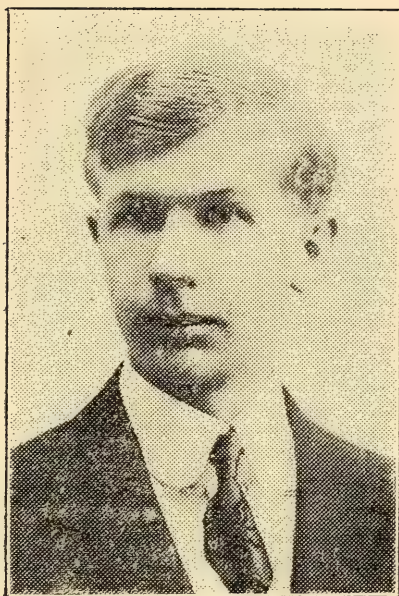
The enrollment at the present time is about 470 pupils there being ten rooms in use at the present day. The schools have developed as the years have come and gone to a marked degree of excellence, and as the population has increased and progress in education been made, additional courses of study have been placed in the various rooms. At the present time they do some laboratory work in connection with the high school course. There is a public library located in the school building, established during the principalship of J. H. Joyce, and stronger courses have been added in recent years in both language and mathematics. We believe that our schools are on a par with any in this section of the state considering the population of the town, and the high school course has been strengthened to such an extent that it is possible to enter most any of the smaller colleges on few conditions, carrying a Mount Union diploma.

### THE FIRST SCHOOL-BOARD

The first school-board consisted of P. M. Bare, Samuel Miller, J. W. Shaver, W. P. McLaughlin, Peter Shaver and A. F. Hamer, chosen in 1867. The present school-board consists of nine members as follows: President, R. M. Longacre; Secretary David Rummel, G. B. M. Kepler, C. V. Hackman, Charles I. Fuller, L. S. Norris, L. Newton Taylor, George Smawley and W. T. Sheaffer.

### SAMUEL M. NEAGLEY

Samuel M. Neagley, at the present time principal of the Mount Union public schools, is a native of Millersburg, Dauphin county, Pa. Born upon the farm, his early days were spent in the rural sections of old Dauphin, where he also received his earliest education. After attending the public schools, as well as a local normal school, he taught for 7 years. Prof. Neagley is a graduate also of the Cumberland Valley State Normal School located at Shippensburg, Pa., and he has also completed the 3 years' work, or in other words everything up to the senior year of the course in arts at Susquehanna University. Mr. Neagley is a hard worker, is much interested in education, and has been very successful as the principal of the Mount Union schools. At the present time he is serving his third year in this capacity. He is a member of the U. B. church, also of the Masonic order.



**Prof. S. M. Neagley**  
Principal of the Mount Union Schools

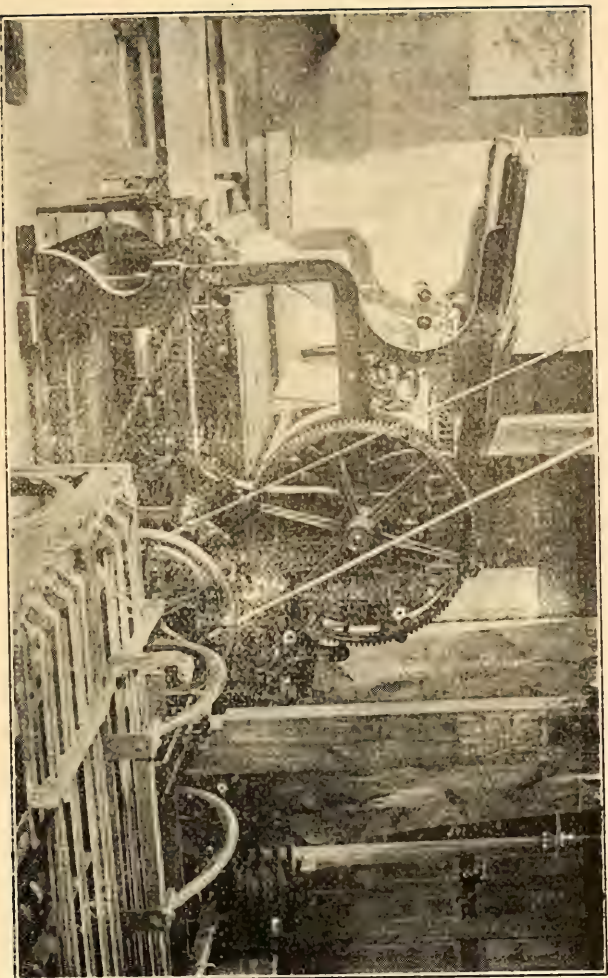
# THE NEWSPAPERS

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## THE MOUNT UNION TIMES

We are indebted to Hon. J. Simpson Africa's History of Huptingdon and Blair counties for the following account of THE MOUNT UNION TIMES leading from its establishment up to 1883. The first paper published in Mount Union was called THE MOUNT UNION TIMES, and was issued weekly by Adam Harshberger and John S. Bare, about 1867, with Benjamin Lutz as foreman. The Press was the one perviously used at Shirleysburg in the publication of the Shirleysburg Herald. THE MOUNT UNION TIMES was a 6 or 7 column paper wth a patent inside printed in Chicago, and was the first paper with a patent inside published in this part of the State. Before the TIMES had been published a year Lutz, who by some means retained an ownership in the Press and materials, sold out the office to W. P. McLaughlin, who started a weekly, the Mount Union Herald, with Lutz as compositor and foreman, Messrs. Harshberger & Bare com-





Partial View of the Times Press Room

pleted the year by getting their papers printed at the Altoona Tribune office, and at the end of the year the paper suspended. Mr. McLaughlin ran the Herald for a short time and sold it to Rev. Howard B. Jeffries, later of Denver, Col. Jeffries was a son of Rev. Cyrus Jeffries, a noted spiritualist and founder of a denomination of the "Resurrectionists," of which the son, Howard was a minister (This is the same Howard B. Jeffries who married a couple in a balloon at Cincinnati which was published in many of the newspapers).

Sometime after, probably in the latter part of the year, 1868, John Dougherty bought the Herald from Jeffries and imported an editor named Seaman from Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, Pa. Mr. Seaman and Mr. Dougherty not agreeing, the latter took editorial charge of the paper himself and continued its publication until September, 1869, when Theodore H. Cremer of Huntingdon, bought out the establishment and took it to Huntingdon, starting the Huntingdon Republican.

No paper was published in Mount Union from the last issue of the Herald in August, 1869, until February, 1873, when H. E. Shaffer started THE MOUNT UNION TIMES, a 7 column weekly with new material and imported outside. Mr. Shaffer continued the TIMES successfully until the summer of 1875, when Dr. G. W.

Thompson, Rev. Cyrus Jeffries, Joseph Bardine, B. F. Douglass and John H. Miller formed a company under the firm name of Dr. G. W. Thompson & Co., and bought the office and paper for \$1400. They changed the name of the paper to the People's Era and continued it as a weekly for some months, with Rev. Cyrus Jeffries as editor and John H. Miller as local editor. In a few weeks Joseph Bardine took the place of the latter as local editor, but the paper was far from being a success, and in the fall of the same year John M. Bowman bought the paper and re-christened it THE MOUNT UNION TIMES and printing both sides, ran it until August, 1877, when the paper was sold to W. T. Bair of the Shirleysburg Herald, a 3 column weekly folio, in September, 1875. Mr. Bair published the TIMES (part of the time printing both sides and then the inside only) until August, 1879, when it was bought by Dr. A. R. McCarthy, who issued it as a weekly Sept. 5, 1879, with John S. Bare as local editor and afterwards in succession V. B. McCarthy, Millard T. Whittaker, I. N. Swope, and S. B. McCarthy.

Mrs. Mary T. McCarthy edited the Times from 1889 to 1892 at which time it was sold to Messrs. John Ewing, Charles Stratford and A. S. Welch. Dr. McCarthy therefore owned the Times from 1879 to 1892.

After Messrs. Ewing, Stratford, and Welch purchased the paper it was moved to the present abode in the Welch establishment on Shirley street. Mr. Ewing finally sold out to the other two partners. During the time owned by Welch and Stratford, the paper was managed and edited by A. S. Welch. The editors in charge, during the administration of Ewing, Stratford and Welch, were, first, Harry A. Thompson, now editor of the Tyrone Times, and later, Thompson and (E. R.) Stratford. Upon Thompson's going to Tyrone, Mr. Stratford continued the editorial work. In September, 1900, Mr. Stratford's interest was purchased by A. S. and C. H. Welch, and since that date the Times has flourished under that management. The office has been enlarged, many new fixtures have since been added, especially a new and faster press, a new folder, and now the presses are run by electricity, two motors being installed for that purpose. The TIMES aims to give her readers the news, and we believe that we are putting out one of the best weekly papers in the Juniata Valley for the price of subscription asked, \$1.00 a year in advance

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#### THE TWICE A WEEK

The Twice a Week Republican is issued its first edition on June 9, 1903. It was founded by the following men:

T. A. Appleby, Dr. W. J. Campbell, W. T. Sheaffer, Dr. H. C. Chisolm and M. W. Isenberg. Mr. Appleby was the President and Dr. Campbell Secretary and Treasurer. Bruce Cloons was the pioneer foreman of the Twice a Week. Its first editor was George M. Spanogle of Huntingdon, who had charge of the paper for a few numbers. Since that date the editor has been Thomas A. Appleby. The Twice A Week Republican is a 6 column folio, and is issued every Tuesday and Friday. The foreman now is John C. Rosensteel and compositors in the office are Miss Iva Barnes and Miss Lottie Ripple.

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## THE BANKS

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### The Central Banking Company

The Central Banking Co., was organized on March 13, 1873, with T. H. Adams as President and Edmund S. Doty as Cashier. Mr. Doty was succeeded by his brother, L. Banks Doty, who served for five years, until 1879. W. T. Bell took charge of the Central Bank on Oct. 11, 1879, and he has remained to this day its efficient cashier. The Central Banking Co., was formerly located on the brick corner of Main, or Water, and Division Streets. It was in 1902 that they erected their present banking establishment, the brick situated on Jefferson Street, and in



**Central Banking Company Building**



March, 1903. they moved therein. The first stockholders of the Central Banking Co., were: C. P. Dull, and Daniel Dull of McVeytown, A. J. Dull, and J. J. Dull of Harrisburg, Edmund S. Doty of Mifflintown, William Fields of Mifflin County, and Thomas H. Adams of Mount Union. At the present time the stockholders are: Mr. Adams, who is President, W. T. Bell, who is Cashier, and A. Reed Hayes of Lewistown.

The Central Banking Co., has been exceedingly successful in the banking business in Mount Union and vicinity. Through the different panics of 1873 and 1893, and also the slump of 1907, the Central Banking Co., held its own while many other banking institutions throughout the country went to the wall. The success of this banking institution has been due largely to the ability and keen financial insight of the president and cashier, who have equipped themselves to meet all emergencies and at the same time deal properly and carefully with their large corps of patrons.

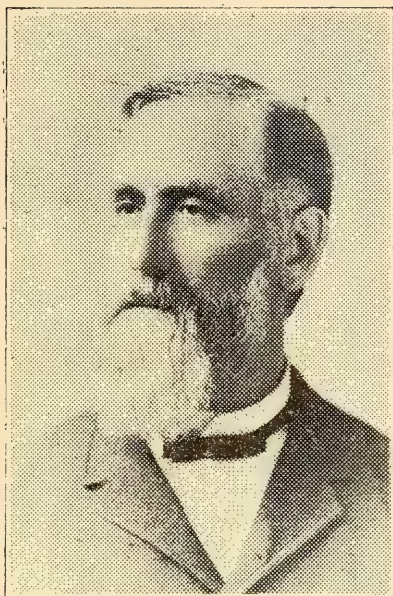
Among the tellers who have been associated with the Cental Banking Co. have been: J. Bruce Davis of Fredsville, R. J. Faust, Jr., of New York City, Harry A. Bell of Canton, Pa., Jesse G. Bell of Weatherly, Pa., and W. Bates Bell, now of Orbisonia. These gentlemen are all enjoying lucrative positions as cashiers of banks with the exception of Mr.

Paust, who has recently resigned the cashiership of the Plymouth National Bank at Plymouth, Pa., and still later the presidentship of the First National Bank of Apalache, Virginia, to accept a position with the Irving National Exchange Bank of New York. The success of these men who have come out from the walls of the Central Banking Co., in the banking world, is noteworthy and speaks well for the Mount Union institution, where they received their first principles of the banking business.

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#### THOMAS H. ADAMS

Hon. Thomas H. Adams, the President of the Central Banking Co., of Mount Union, was born near Orbisonia, Pa., Feb. 16, 1836. He is of Irish extraction. His father, John Adams, was born in Ireland, where he resided some time after his marriage to Miss Mary Quirk, also a native of Ireland. It was in 1825 that the Adamsses came to America, landing in New York. The father of T. H. Adams remained a few years in the metropolis, thence moved to Newton Hamilton, later to Obisonia, when he moved to Germany Valley and made his permanent home. John Adams was at one time superintendent of the old Rockhill mines and furnaces. He also worked on the canal and assisted in completing four of the locks. Of a family of nine children Thomas H., has resided in Mount



Union permanently since July 1, 1867. His boyhood was passed on the farm, taking advantage of what little schooling he could through the winters. He attended Juniata Valley Academy three terms, also the Commercial College of Pittsburg, from which he graduated in 1858. Mr. Adams taught school in Franklin and Huntingdon counties in all 5 years, and because of economy and saving he was able to enter into partnership with Peter M. Bare in the mercantile business in Mount Union in April, 1861. Mr. Adams remained with Mr. Bare one year, at

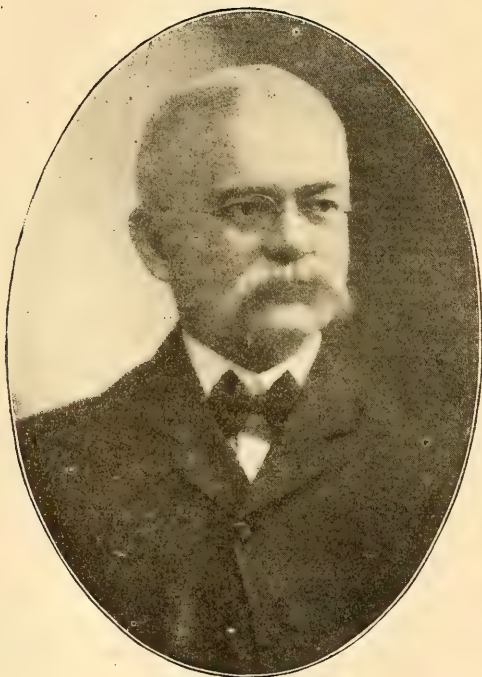
which time the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Adams went to Scottsville, now Three Springs, entering into the mercantile business for himself. While Mr. Adams was in Three Springs Mr. Bare built the store room later owned and occupied by Mr. Adams on Water Street, Mount Union, and in 1867 Mr. Bare sold the building to Mr. Adams, who closed out his stock at Three Springs and came to Mount Union. Mr. Adams has been a judicious business man all these years. He is a democrat politically and has served one term in the State Legislature, where he was chairman of the committee on Accounts and Expenditures, also a member of the committees on Retrenchment and Reform, military, coal and iron and judicial appointments. In his own town, Mr. Adams has served on the Town Council, been 16 years President of school board, also been burgess as well as occupied a number of other local offices.

He was married Oct. 2, 1867 to Miss Margaret R. Brewster, a native of Shirley Township, having been born Dec. 7, 1840. To this union were born two children; J. Frank of Denver, Col., and Miss Mary B., at home. Thomas H. Adams at the present time continues in the mercantile business on the corner of Jefferson and Water Streets. the stand formerly occupied by Augustus Eberman, and prior to that time by

Frank D. Stevens. Mr. Adams has during his years in the mercantile business in Mount Union enjoyed the assistance of Henry McGarvey as clerk, whose efficiency as a merchant and devotion to duty have been recognized by their many patrons in the community. Mr. Adams has always been a contributor to every good cause and is a man of broad business capacity.

#### WILLIAM T. BELL

Associated with the progress of the Central Banking Co. of Mount Union since 1879 is its able and efficient cashier Mr William T. Bell of Mount Union. Mr. Bell was born in Mifflin county in 1852. His early education was received principally in the Kishacoquillas Seminary at Kishacoquillas, Pa., Mr. Bell entered into the mercantile business in Mifflin county, which occupation he followed for some time. He served five years on the road as salesman, and it was on Oct. 11, 1879 that he entered the bank at Mount Union as cashier. Mr. Bell is a member at the present time of the State Board of Public Charities, having been appointed first by Gov. Stone in 1902, and re-appointed by Gov. Pennypacker in 1904, and later re-appointed by Gov. Stuart in 1907. Mr. Bell is a member of the B. P. O. E., the Independent Order of Heptasophs and the Patriotic Order Sons of America. Mr. Bell was married on March 24,



**W. T. Bell**  
Cashier of the Central Bank

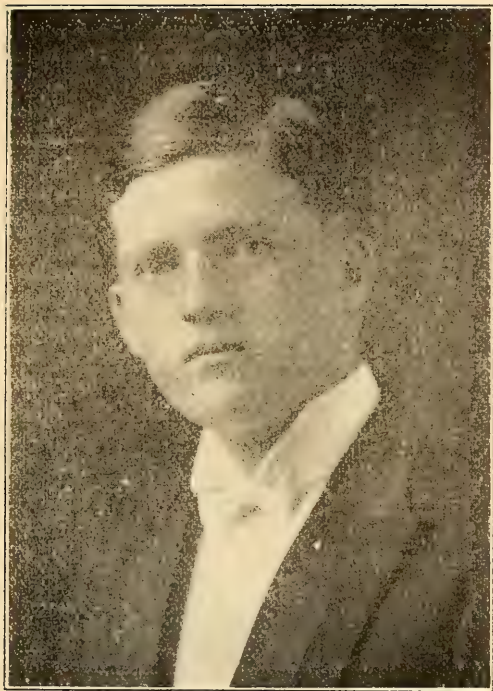


1881 to Miss Frank W. Shaver of Mount Union. They have six children living, all sons, as follows: Harry A., who is now Cashier of the Farmers' National Bank at Canton, Pa.; Jesse G., Cashier of the First National Bank at Weatherly, Pa.; W. Bates, Assistant Cashier of the Orbisonia Bank; Herbert N., Assistant Cashier of the Mount Union Central Bank; Russel S., Teller in the Mount Union Central Bank, and Robert K., who is attending school. Mr. Bell has been one of our most influential business citizens in Mount Union since his coming into the town, and he has always shown an interest in the promotion of any good cause wherein the public is concerned. He is a member of the Presbyterian church; also a member of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Bell, besides being cashier of the Mount Union Central Banking Co., is the cashier of the Orbisonia Bank at Orbisonia, Pa. He has served on the Board of Education, on the Town Council, as well as in various other local offices.

W. T. Bell was a son of J. M. Bell deceased, and for a number of years was associated with his father in the insurance business. Since his father's death, Mr. Bell and F. H. Harrison have been together in this capacity and they control a large trade along the lines of fire and life insurance.



**Herbert N. Bell**  
Assistant Cashier of the Central Bank



**Russell S. Bell**  
Teller of the Central Bank

### **THE NEW CENTRAL BANK BUILDING.**

The new Central Bank building, which was erected in 1902 is built of brick, finished in hard wood, and is one of the most unique and commodious banking buildings in Central Pennsylvania. Ample room is afforded for the transaction of business on the first floor, while upon the second floor is located the insurance offices of Bell, Harrison & Co.

### **THE ORBISONIA BANK**

In the spring of 1892 the owners of the Central Banking Co., started a banking institution in Orbisonia, Pa., known as the Orbisonia Bank. This bank is still in successful operation, and like the Central Bank, it has developed and progressed during its years of existence. Of the Orbisonia Bank Hon. T. H. Adams is the President, W. T. Bell cashier and W. Bates Bell is now Assistant Cashier. The Orbisonia Bank controls a large trade and enjoys an extensive business, not only in Orbisonia, but in the surrounding territory.

### **THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

The First National Bank was opened for business on Oct. 1, 1902 in the corner of the Beers Hotel, the room now being occupied by C. T. F. Hadley's jewelry store. When the organization was started, this room was large enough wherein to transact



**First National Bank Building**

the business enjoyed at that time by this concern, but as the years passed and business developed extensively it was found that a larger room was necessary, hence a portion of the lot formerly owned by W. A. Hunter was purchased for the erection of their handsome new building, known as the First National Bank building, and into this structure the banking institution was moved on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 23, 1909, the business at that time being transferred from the Beers corner to the first story of the new building, one of the finest and most commodious banking rooms in Central Pennsylvania. The Board of Directors of the First National Bank is: Dr. W. J. Campbell, C. B. Ewing, C. B. Crum, A. W. Jones, M. W. Isenberg, Frank O'Connor, H. T. Weaver, Dr. R. B. Campbell and C. K. Horton. The President of the First National is A. B. Gillam; the Vice President, T. A. Appleby, the secretary, G. B. M. Kerner, who is also the Cashier; the ~~Teller~~ at the present time is Roy G. C. Jones; Assistant, Irvin T. Kerner.

Relative to the First National Bank building, which is one of the recent and most important architectural additions to Mount Union, we might here mention what we wrote for THE MOUNT UNION TIMES concerning this structure, published Jan. 29, 1909: "The First National Bank building, which is the latest



new structure in our town, is a handsome edifice, and one that proves to be an honor to Mount Union as well as the builders. After several months of erection, the building was thrown open to the public on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 23, 1909, when the business was transferred from the Beers corner, where it had been located previously. That Saturday was a notable one in the history of the institution, and because of the occasion, the building was thrown open to visitors from 1 o'clock till 4 p. m., and from 7 o'clock till 9 p. m. Many people came and went, and at the same time registered their names in the books specially designed for that purpose.

The new structure is practically three stories, and is built of red pressed brick and North River blue stone. The first story is devoted exclusively to the bank. There are: the lobby, the main banking room, the cashier's private office, the directors' room, the counting room, the vault, the storage room, the toilet room, and the coat room.

All these rooms including the vault are lighted with electricity, and in particular, the larger rooms are handsomely finished and furnished. The furniture in the main room is of the latest design. There are five windows, where customers can go, and transact business with the cashier and clerks within. The ceiling is metal, beautifully designed, painted

white and ornamented with gilt, The baseboard is made of Alps-Green marble.

There is a complete electric alarm system, having been made by the American Bank Protection Co., of Minneapolis. This system is so thorough that it would be impossible, in our estimation, for any burglar to make an attempt. There are two customers' desks in the lobby, covered with plate glass, and containing pockets, which are designed for the convenience of those who do business at that institution.

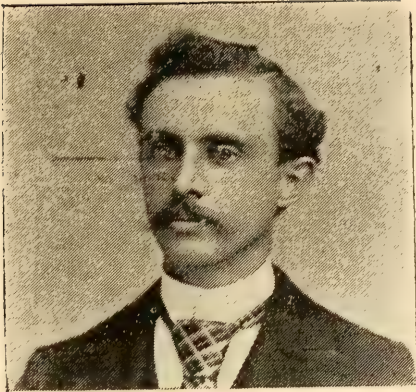
The second story of the building is divided into two dwellings, one of which is at present occupied by druggist, J. M. Minick and wife, and the other by W. J. Hunter and wife.

The building was erected by the Altoona-Concrete Construction & Supply Co. The architect was J. Herbert Hall of Huntingdon. The building throughout is elegant, and is a great credit to Mount Union. The walls are handsomely frescoed, which adds considerably to the appearance.

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#### G. B. M. KEPLER

Mr. G. B. M. Kepler, cashier of the First National Bank of Mount Union, is a native of Juniata county, Pa. His early education was secured in the public schools, later attending the Airyview Academy at Port Royal. After this, Mr. Kepler took a commercial course at Union College, located at New Berlin, Pa.



At the completion of this, he studied medicine for three years, and later spent a year in this line of study at the University of New York. Mr. Kepler is practically a doctor of medicine, having been engaged to some extent along that line.

Having discarded the medical profession, the subject of this sketch spent several years in the drug business in Port Royal. Relinquishing pharmacy, he entered the banking business, being with the Port Royal Bank. He later became teller of the Juniata Valley Bank at Mifflintown, and still later cashier of the Tuscarora Bank at Elkins Mills. Having been called to take charge of the First National Bank of Mount Union, Mr. Kepler was here and started business in the new institution Oct. 1, 1902. Mr. Kepler married Miss Annie Leyder. Their children are as

follows: Gertrude, Irvin, Luther and James Arthur.

Mr. Kepler is a deacon in the Lutheran church, and is active in every movement that tends for the good of the community and the betterment of our people.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS

We note from the information at our hand that the pioneer cabinet maker of Mount Union was Alfred Simons. The pioneer blacksmith, was Christian Weller, grandfather of Arthur Weller of town, whose establishment was located at the east end of the American Hotel. Mr. Weller was succeeded by John Houck. A man by the name of Ewing was the pioneer wheelwright. His establishment was also located in the vicinity of the American Hotel. Charles McLaughlin and Edward McKittrick were blacksmiths, their establishment being built in 1854 and 55, now owned by T. A. Appleby, and the building remodeled, occupied by several families. They had a wagon maker shop in connection with the blacksmith shop. The pioneer resident physician in Mount Union was Dr. Lee, who lived in the old Sharrar house for some time. John Sharrar was one of the early merchants, having kept in the old stone house. His successors were Samuel and George Eby, who remained in the old stone building, until they built and moved into the brick store on the corner

opposite, the same building, now being occupied by Louis Noble. Some of the men who succeeded the Messrs. Eby in the mercantile business in the brick room were: David Etnier, E. R. Faust, Faust & Etnier,, Col. John A. Doyle, Daniel and Thomas Appleby, and after the war, B. X. Blair and John S. Bare for a year or two. This building in 1873 was converted into the Central Banking establishment.

Among some of the oldest houses in town were: That of James Johnson on Water Street, which was built by Mr. McNalles in 1867, later owned by Charles McNalles. The Beers Hotel today was formerly the Siebert House, previously the dwelling erected for Miss Belle Shaver, according to information given us by Mr. T. A. Appleby. A part of this original house has been incorporated in the rear of the hotel. The former drug store property on Water Street, now owned by James Davis, was built primarily by Bryce Drake, and later remodeled by Israel Caldwell, also the house adjoining to the west, which has in recent years been remodeled by George Smawley, to whom the house belongs and by whom it is occupied. Blair & Appleby entered business in the Appleby store property in 1870, that building being erected by them in that year. The brick house on Water Street, now owned and occupied by J. A. Rosensteel, was erected by John P.

Davis. Samuel Byerly built the house on Water Street now occupied by Russell Smyers and owned by T. A. Appieby. The house owned and occupied by Fisher Postlethwaite was built by Isaac Stevenson in 1881. The house now owned and occupied by Dr. W. A. Hunter, was built about 1859 by John Henderson (now a resident of Mapleton). Mr. Henderson later sold to Dr. James Mackey, who built a small addition, wherein he had his office. The former Rev. John Moorehead property, now owned by I. Newton Taylor, having been remodeled by him, was erected about 1859 by Harrison Corsuch. It was afterwards remodeled by Henry Hudson of Sattilo into a cottage. The Presbyterian parsonage, formerly owned by Mrs. Mary Brewster, the mother of Mrs. T. H. Adams of Mount Union, was erected in 1873, and at her death was bequeathed to the Presbyterian congregation for a parsonage. The house of Elias K. Rogers was erected by him in 1860, and it has been since that time occupied by him and his family. Mrs. Rogers died in 1890.

Among some of the other older points of interest were: The John Dougherty house and spring, located near where Joseph E. Fields' Shirley Street residence now stands; the John Thompson farm house; the old road through town to Jacks Narrows and the former roads leading from town



into Hill Valley; the old stone schoolhouse, which stood to the rear of where Dr. C. E. Culver's residence on Shirley Street is now located; the old Methodist church, which has been previously described in this article, it being located upon the site of the present church, notwithstanding the fact that it fronted in the opposite direction, on the old Shirley road, which then passed about midway between the rear of the present church and the alley; the old Presbyterian church, which for many years since has been used as a dwelling house; the old grist mill which stood about where John Ripple's cider mill is now located, and the old saw-mill which stood on the south side of the Hill Valley run on the bank just opposite the grist mill. Later, when the present flouring mill, now owned by J. Elmer Ewing, was erected, the above named saw-mill having gone to decay, another saw-mill of a later type was erected on the old grist mill location, and for many years this industry flourished, running by water power, thus sawing lumber from the near-by forests, from which many of the oldest buildings in our town were erected. This saw-mill passed out of existence more than 25 years ago. The old aqueduct, which was destroyed by fire in 1846, is a notable land mark of the past. It was replaced, however, by another, the second one having been taken down

when the canal was abandoned some time previous to the flood of 1889. The aqueduct crossed the Juniata River and many were the boats which passed thereupon in the old canal. The old oak tree, remembered by many, which for more than a century, stood close by the spring in the old American House plot in the vicinity of where the Kenmar Hotel now stands.

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## The Secret Societies

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### THE ODD FELLOWS



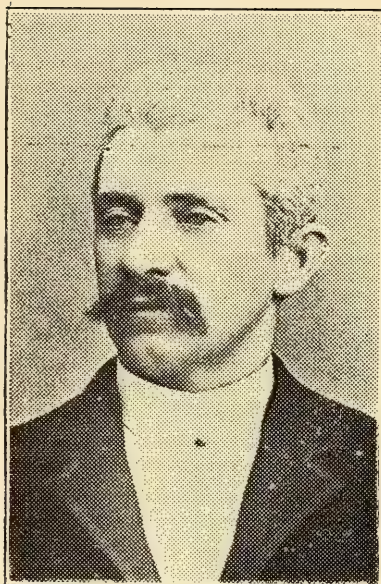
The Independent order of Odd Fellows in Mount Union, is one of our strongest and best lodges, and is known as Mount Union lodge No. 677, I. O. O. F. It was organized Aug. 28, 1869 with the following officers: George W. Thompson, N. G.; C. B. Smelker, V. G.; Frank D. Stevens, Secretary; W. T. Sheaffer, Assistant Secretary; Joseph E. Longacre, Treasurer. At the present time the lodge has a membership of about 100, and the officers in charge are: William E. Parchey, N. G.; Martin O. Booher, V. G.; R. J. Faust, Secretary; Frank H. Harrison, Sr., Treasurer; J. Herman Landis, R. S. to N. G.; Joseph E. Getz, L. S. to N. G.; L. V. Palmer, Warden; Ray C. Stewart,

Conductor; George Landis, R. S. S.; Charles Knepp, L. S. S.; F. M. Hooper, Chaplain; Adam C. Rorer, O. G.; Charles G. Weirich, I. G.; Harry Carl, R. S. to V. G.; George Radel, L. S. to V. G.; R. Sechler, R. J. Faust, F. B. Davis, Trustees. The Odd Fellows have their own hall, having purchased in 1896 the old United Brethren church and remodeled same into a town hall in the first story and a lodge room in the second story. They hold their meetings weekly on Saturday evenings.

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#### THE G. A. R.

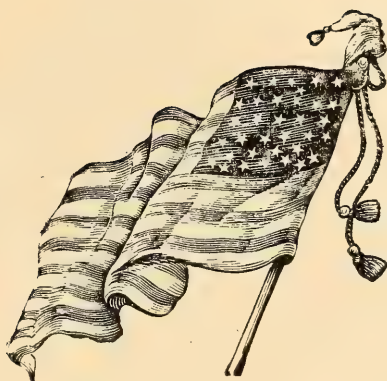
The Grand Army of the Republic was organized in Mount Union, Oct. 13, 1882 with 16 members. James F. Bathurst was commander and T. A. Appleby adjutant for several years. The following were the original members; T. A. Appleby, Co. K, 202nd Regiment, Penna. Volunteers; James F. Bathurst, 5th Penna. Reserve Corps; Daniel C. Appleby, Co. I, 149th Penna. Volunteers, Bucktails; Dr. A. R. McCarthy, Co. K, 22nd Penna. Volunteer Cavalry; John S. Coulter, Co. F, 102nd Penna. Volunteers; David Shaver, Co. K, 202nd Penna. Volunteers; S. B. McCarthy, Co. M, 102nd Penna. Volunteers; John Jenkins, Co. A, 76th Penna. Volunteers; B. F. Douglass, Co. K, 202nd Regiment, Penna. Volunteers; P. K. Lahr, Co. M, 16th Penna. Cavalry; W. C. Gayton, Co. D, 22nd Penna. Cavalry; Frank D. Stevens, Co. I, 12th Penna.



### John E. Jenkins, deceased

One of the pioneer G. A. R. men of Mount Union. For many years a member and class leader of M. E. church

Reserve Corps; William Bice, Co. H, 149th Penna. Volunteers. Risben Anderson (colored), 127th National Colored Infantry; William Fultz, Co. A, 49th Regiment Penna. Volunteers; John F. Stewart, Co. B, 110th Regiment, Penna. Volunteers. At the present time there are 46 members in the Grand Army. The officers are as follows: John B. Heckert, Commander; Rudolph Sechler, Adjutant. A. W. Jones, Senior Vice Commander; David Sechrist, Junior Vice Commander; John J. Rosensteel, Quarter-Master; T. A. Appleby, Chaplain.



### THE P. O. S. OF A.

Washington Camp No. 346 P. O. S. of A., was instituted in Mount Union on July 30, 1888 with the following charter members; D. E. Shaver, W. W. Winskey, S. B. McCarthy, George C. Borst, T. J. Chilcote, H. E. Archey, J. E. Böcher, W. W. Moorehead, John H. Apgar, W. K. Harrison, John Nevell, J. M. Nevell, W. D. Hancock, G. W. Lukens, F. W. Kieferle, J. M. Ewing, D. F. Harrison, S. B. Nevell, H. W. Harrison, R. Sechler, Charles Hiney, A. R. McCarthy, David Davis, B. F. Marlin, R. W. Ripple, Thomas W. Hcooper, Harry Roberts, C. B. Roberts, C. B. Shaver, Samuel K. Snyder, John Himes, T. M. Sechler, William H. Ramsey, C. H. Ccpenhaver, H. M. Fields, I. N. King, S. S. Foreman, John H. Foreman, F. B. Davis, J. D. Ccpenhaver, Forrest Shaver, J. McClellan Davis, Charles B. Shaver, A. L. Davis, G. R. Smowley, John J. Rosensteel, F. M. Copenhaver,

James M. Zeigler. There were 48 original members. The following were the original officers in the camp. T. J. Chilcote, P. P.; R. Sechler, President, S. B. Nevell, Vice President; George C. Borst, M. of F. & C.; G. W. Lukens, F. S.; S. B. McCarthy, R. S., and H. E. Archey, A. S. D. E. Shaver, Treasurer; W. W. Moorehead, Commander; John H. Foreman, I. G.; Harry Roberts, O. G.; D. F. Harrison, C. B. Shaver, and B. F. Marlin, Trustees; J. M. Ewing; R. S.; L. N. King, L. S.

The camp at the present time has 136 members, and the present officers are: Harry Smyers, P. P.; John Showalter, P. A.; J. Byers, V. P.; L. S. Norris, R. S.; G. W. Lukens, F. S.; D. E. Shaver, Treasurer; P. H. Cassady, M. F.; J. T. McElroy, Commander; Ralph Emeigh, O. G.; R. M. Siebert, I. G.; R. E. Simpson, R. S.; George Morgan, L. S.; L. S. Norris, B. F. Marlin and R. M. Ripple, Trustees. The lodge meets every Monday evening in the new Crum building, where they have fitted up a commodious and pleasant room.

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#### THE MACCABEES

The local lodge is No. 259, having 49 members. The officers in the lodge are: Jesse S. Smith, Commander; Isaac M. Taylor, Past Commander; William Ingram, Record Keeper; W. R. DeVinney, Lieutenant Commander; John Gift, Chaplain.



### THE RED MEN

The Red Men have been in existence here for about 7 years. The officers at present are as follows: Harry Spriggle, Prophet; Grover Lane, Sachem; John Showalter, Senior Sagamore; Lloyd Beckwith, Junior Sagamore; Ralph Goshorn, Secretary; Milton Taylor, Asst. Secretary; Castor Taylor, Treasurer.

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### SONS OF VETERANS

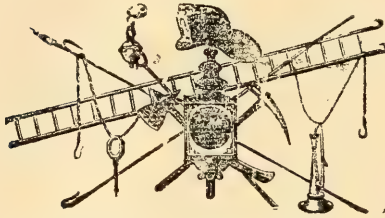
The Sons of Veterans was organized May 17, 1902, and the first Captain was A. S. Welch, and since its organization has added considerably to the roll of membership. J. Herman Landis is Captain; Joseph Drake and Richard Kiel are Lieutenants; Dr. C. E. Culver is Chaplain, and J. Donald Appleby is Quarter Master. As the veterans are passing away rapidly every year, the obligations resting upon the Sons become greater. This organization is an excellent one and should be heartily received by all those who appreciate what the soldiers did from '61 to '65.

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### THE KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE

The Knights of the Golden Eagle is the most recent lodge in Mount Union, having been organized just a few months ago. The officers are as follows: R. F. Ernst, Noble Chief; Wilbur Yocum, Vice Chief; Carl W. Tiffany, High Priest; George Morgan,

Master of Records; James McElroy  
Keeper of Exchequer; Jack Bond,  
Past Chief; S. W. Peterson, Floor  
Director.



### THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Mount Union Fire Department was organized July 28, 1903. At the present time there are about 50 members, who have enlisted their services voluntarily for the extinguishing of public fires, and at the same time to render their services gratuitously for the public's good. The Fire Department should have the hearty support of every citizen in the community, and we believe that our citizens have given evidence of their appreciation. The President of the Fire Department is Samuel S. Mosser; Vice President, R. O. Johnson; Secretary, Stewart A. Kyper; Assistant Secretary, Arthur Johnson; Financial Secretary, Frank B. Davis; Treasurer, G. B. M. Kepler; Chief, Charles Wenzel; Assistant Chief, Frank Moore. A suitable equipment for the extinguishing of fires is much in need by the local fire department, but with what apparatus they have they have done ex

cellent work, and we hope that in the near future their equipment will be enlarged to such an extent as to be ready for all emergencies.

### CHARLES WENZEL

Charles Wenzel, at the present time the Chief Marshall of the Mount Union Fire Department, was born in Northeim, Hanover, Germany, Jan. 2, 1852. Mr. Wenzel spent his early days in the old country, his trade being that of a brick-layer. Three years were spent, according to requirements, in the German army, the subject of this sketch being crippled two times, which shows that he went through some pretty severe fighting. Mr. Wenzel came to America Nov. 16, 1878, and landed in Pittsburg, where he spent about 6 months. Two years following were spent in Braddock, and about 20 years succeeding this time were spent in Johnstown, where he worked at his trade of brick laying, and also in the latter town became associated with the W. H. Haws Fire Brick Co., where Mr. Wenzel achieved considerable success in the manufacture of silica brick. While in Johnstown, Mr. Wenzel was also connected with the Cambria Iron Co.

Charles Wenzel came to Mount Union in 1899, and has been located here ever since that time. He has occupied a prominent place in bringing about the success of the town, Mr. Wenzel being influential along



**Charles Wenzel**

Chief of the Fire Company

marked lines of municipal improvement and prosperity. He was associated with the W. H. Haws Co., in Mount Union prior to the taking hold of that plant by the Harbison-Walker Co., and later Mr. Wenzel was associated with the Mount Union Silica Brick Co., up until the time, when he went to Germany to visit the fatherland a little over a year ago. While in Germany, Mr. Wenzel took some advanced work along the line of concreting, and since his return to America he has been following this occupation. He is to-

day engaged particularly in laying concrete pavements and other concrete work.

He was married in 1876 to Mary Bormonn, a native of Germany. The children are as follows: William of town; Henry of Johnstown; Fred and Frank of Mount Union; Mrs. William Hardy of Mount Union;; Charlie of Union Furnace; August of town; Mrs. Rosa Fleck of Harrisburg, and Otto of Mount Union. Two children are deceased. Mr. Wenzel has served considerable time on the council, also been president for a number of years of that organization. He has been interested in the establishment of the Fire Department, as well as in the keeping up of same - today. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

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#### STEWART A. KYPER

Stewart A. Kyper, Secretary of the Fire Co., was born in Germany Valley. Sept. 25, 1886. His childhood days were spent on the farm in Germany Valley, he being a son of the late Michael H. Kyper. In 1893, his father having died in December, 1892, with his mother and sisters he came to Mount Union and since that time has resided here. Stewart A. Kyper is a graduate of the Mount Union High School and makes a very efficient secretary for the Fire Co., being considerably adapted to clerical work. He is in the employ of A. S. Welch as clerk in the hard-



**Stewart A. Kyper**  
Secretary of the Fire Company

ware store and lumber department in Mr. Welch's establishment. Mr. Kyper is a member of the Presbyterian church, also belongs to the P. O. S. of A.





## OUR INDUSTRIES

### RUMMEL'S MILL

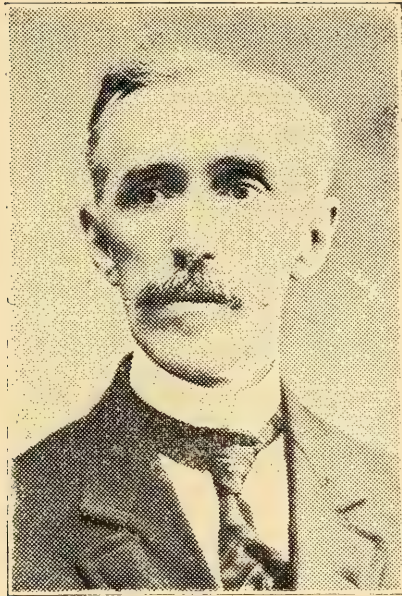
Rummel's Mill, which is located on the corner of Washington and Water Streets, has been in existence since 1867, notwithstanding the fact that this establishment has changed hands at frequent intervals. The mill was built by Peter M. Bare, whose biography is mentioned elsewhere in this production. Mr. Bare ran the mill, known as the National Steam Grist Mill at that time, for two years, at which time he having sold it to John Bare, his brother. In 1870 John Bare sold to William Fields, who later sold it to B. J. DeVor. Mr. DeVor was connected with the establishment for some time, and in 1878 he sold to W. H. Allen, who continued business at that stand for several years. David Etnier succeeded Mr. Allen as the operator of the steam mill in company with John Rummel. David Rummel in 1885, son of John Rummel, purchased the establishment from W. H. Allen, and since that time Mr. Rummel has owned this business stand. While away from town in Washington, D. C., John Rummel, the father, had charge of the mill, notwithstanding the fact that years ago it ceased its grind and for many years has been continued as a flour and feed store. David Rummel came to Mount Union during the latter days of his father's life, and together they continued

the business until his father's retirement from active work. His father died on Feb. 13, 1908. David Rummel today, having installed a gasoline engine, does considerable work with it in the way of grinding and handles many carloads of grain, feed, hay and flour every month. The distribution of these commodities in this community by him has been growing in recent years until the business now enjoys lucrative proportions.

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#### DAVID RUMMEL

David Rummel, the present proprietor of Rummel's mill and the owner of the establishment since 1885, was born Oct. 29, 1859, near Mercersburg, Franklin county, Pa. When he was a little boy, his parents moved to Aughwick, where his father being a miller all his life, had charge of the old brick grist mill. David Rummel was 8 years old, when the family, moved to Mount Union, his father having been interested in conducting a flour and feed store, also in the operation of the former Henry Shaver grist mill, now Ewing's Mill, in Mount Union in connection with David Etnier. David Rummel spent 5 years in the office of the East Broad Top Railroad Co., being a clerk in their Mount Union yard. In 1887 he went to Washington, D. C. where he spent 15 years of his life in the employ of Metropolitan Coach Co., being Secretary and Treasurer. On Oct. 7, 1890 he was married to Miss Effie M. Bassett, and



### David Rummel

Owner of Rummel's Mill

to this union two children have been born, namely: Kenneth and Miss Bessie at home. It was in 1902 that Mr. Rummel and family returned from the National Capitol and took up residence in the homestead on Market Street, where to this day they are located. David Rummel is at present Secretary of the School-board, and is also a member of the Presbyterian church. He is a straight forward citizen and is ambitious toward the success and prosperity of the community.

### **HARBISON-WALKER BRICK PLANT**

Mount Union enjoys the distinction of having the largest silica brick plant in the world—that of the Harbison-Walker Refractories Co., which is situated at the west end of town. This great enterprise has developed to remarkable proportions in recent years, and where formerly one works was established, two are now running in full capacity day and night. The author of this sketch has described elsewhere Jack's Narrows, the mountains, and the picturesqueness of the scenery where the river cuts the mountain in twain. Near to where this great incision is, on the eastern slope of the mountain, is this great plant, extending up into "Back Valley" for some little distance. In fact, the lands reaching up into this narrow vale for about a mile belong to the Harbison-Walker Co., and we have reason to believe that in future years this great plant will be extended farther and farther up the valley in order to meet the great demands that each year is placing upon their product.

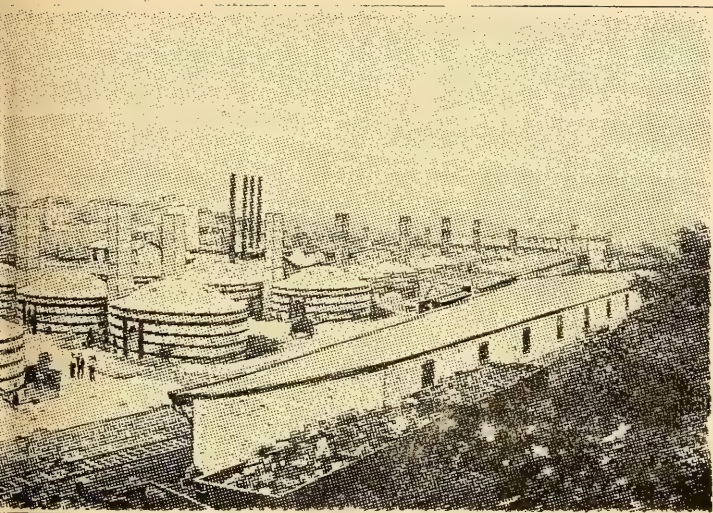
The Harbison-Walker Brick Plant was originally established by the W. H. Haws Co., of Johnstown in the latter part of 1899, and in the beginning of 1900. This corporation controlled the works until the latter part of 1900, when the entire plant was sold to the Harbison-Walker Co., of Pittsburg, who, after making a

number of changes, and additions, developed it into one of the best and most thoroughly equipped manufacturing establishments in the country. Immediately after the Harbison-Walker people took possession, they placed in charge a very capable man, Mr. J. E. Lewis, who superintended it in a very acceptable manner and such as to guarantee its success. It was not long, however, until Mr. Lewis was called away to take charge of other work in the interest of his company, his efficiency being recognized by his superiors. At his cessation of the superintendency, Mr. C. V. Hackman of Clearfield was called and placed in charge. Orders increased and business developed simultaneously, and improvements had to be made and the plant enlarged in order to keep abreast with progress. In fact, a second works had to be built, and today there are practically two plants of the Harbison-Walker people at this place, known as No. 1 and No. 2 works. Mr. C. V. Hackman remained in charge of the work here until 1905, at which time he went to Lock Haven, where he superintended the Lock Haven Fire Brick Co., plant at that place. J. A. Lansberry succeeded Mr. Hackman, taking charge in November, 1905. Mr. Lansberry remained a very efficient and capable superintendent until the spring of 1908, when he relinquished his position here and



**Harbison-Walker Brick Plant,**





Mount Union, Pa.

went to Mount Savage, Md. Mr. Hackman at that time returned to Mount Union, March 1, 1908, and since that date he has had charge and in fact, developed the works into a high state of efficiency, the greatest that has been known so far in its history.

One of the first things to observe in a brief sketch of these works is the inexhaustible amount of gneiss rock to be found on the summit of the mountain. It was due, of course, primarily, to this fact that the works were located here and more specifically on the present site. Indeed, there is seemingly no limit to the amount of rock that has been stored away by the all-wise Creator—a supply for many years to come.

There is another prominent feature, and that is the way in which the rock is transported from the quarries on the mountain top to the establishment below. By the assistance of teams by locomotive and cars the material is transported to the drum at the top of the incline, and from that point it is carried down the steep declivity to the works below by the means of heavy cars—the loaded ones descending, simultaneously carrying up the empties. This process is carried on by means of track and a heavy cable.

The progress of brick making has been described at length in these columns in the past. Nevertheless,

we might just say here that while not an intricate process, it requires considerable skill and experience in order to carry on the work successfully. The rock after coming from the quarries on the mountain is run through a large crusher, after which it is mixed with lime water and ground into mud by passing through large steel pans expressly for this purpose. Coming out of the pans, it is placed into the hands of the moulders, who shape it into brick by means of steel moulds, the brick being of all kinds and sorts. The newly moulded product is then placed into the drying ovens and made ready to be burned in the kilns. Placed into the kilns, they remain there a certain length of time exposed to tremendous heat, and when finished they are taken out, loaded upon cars and sent out as a finished product and a necessary article of commerce.

The number of pans now in operation for the crushing of the rock is 10; the number of kilns at the present time is 29; the propelling force of the establishment is given out by 2 large engines of 250 and 350 horse power each, and they are used for running the pans exclusively. There are several other small engines which are used for running the electric plants, the large ovens in the drying oven, etc. The steam is conveyed from these large boilers, and in the winter time the steam

pipes heating the building are conveyed from this source. The establishment has its own electric light plant, and their dynamo will carry 300 lights in a first class way. The water supply comes from the Juniata River. There are several sidings running from the main line of the P. R. R. and from the E. B. T. R. R. into the works. On an average, there are 16 car loads of brick sent out from this plant daily, and some days the number is even more than this.

The buildings are well constructed of wood, brick, stone and iron, and inside they afford a sufficient amount of room for the workmen, the moving of cars, etc. There are in connection with the main building, and the store-house, a carpenter shop, a blacksmith shop, and about 95 dwelling houses which surround the works. Each kiln has a capacity of about 90,000, and one of the most conspicuous and attractive features about the establishment is the reflection of the burning kilns upon the sky at night. The western horizon, and, in fact, the western portion of town is beautifully illuminated.

The Harbison-Walker Brick Plant is a place of industry. It is no place for idlers. Everybody seems to be on the hustle. Of this great organization, the headquarters is in Pittsburgh. The Harbison-Walker people are the owners and operators of 32 plants, and it might be well to men-

tion here that one-seventh of the product, the capacity of all being a million brick daily, is produced in Mount Union. They have works at the following places: Wylam, Ala., Hayes Station, Woodland, Clearfield, Crampian, Wallacetown, Retort, Philipsburg, Curwensville, Monument, Mill Hall, Lock Haven, Figart, Oliveville, Ky., Templeton, Portsmouth, O., and Chicago. Among the men at the head are: President, H. W. Croft; Vice Presidents and Managers, Hay Walker and O. M. Reif; and J. E. Lewis, former superintendent at the works here, is now General Manager over 10 establishments. All these men are located in Pittsburg.

Vast improvements have been made to the plant here during Mr. Hackman's administration. A brick roadway has been laid from the street to the office, passing along the east side of the store room. Flower beds and a beautiful lawn, have been laid out at the entrance to the plant. Brick and concrete pavements have been also laid. The output has been increased to 140,000 brick daily, and upwards of 600 men are now employed. The second works was built in 1903, and it is gratifying today to state that they are shipping 10 per cent. more brick than they are making, the number going out being 160,000 daily. For this additional amount, of course, they have to draw upon the store room. The hot and cold blast system

has been installed at No. 2 works,, and another thing worth mentioning is that the surplus heat from the kilns is used in the boilers for the manufacture of steam, this system having been installed recently. The office force is Ralph H. Cassady, and John Mitchell. The foremen are as follows: Ed Preston, Daniel Goodlander, John Swigart, Ralph Peters, Walter Jenkins, Harry Rosencsteel, Herman Landis and George Landis. George Landis looks after the loading of the cars; Paul M. Rice is night foreman of the yards; Charles Knepp is shipping clerk; George Snyder has charge of the quarries on the mountain; W. P. Grissinger is stable boss and A. M. Simpson is coal weighman. 165 car loads of stone are used daily, and the increase of business has been so great that additional tracks are being planned for the mountain incline and additional means also for the facilitating of the transportation of the rock from the summit of the mountain to the works. There are 140 tons of coal consumed daily.

#### CLINTON V. HACKMAN

Clinton V. Hackman is a native of Clearfield, Pa., having been born Aug. 29, 1870. Mr. Hackman remained there until 1901, when he entered the service of the Harbison-Walker Co., as paymaster in the Clearfield district. Prior to that date, however, Mr. Hackman was engaged





**Clinton V. Hackman**  
Superintendent Harbison-Walker Brick Plant

in business in Clearfield, his career being varied somewhat; A merchant, a furniture dealer, a bookkeeper, for the Clearfield Lumber Co., assistant postmaster of that town, and also an employee of the railroad company. Mr. Hackman first came to Mount Union in 1902, and was here until 1905, when he went to Lock Haven, and from that place to Chicago, where he had charge of a large brick plant. He was recalled by his company, to the Mount Union work, arriving here March 1, 1908. Mr. Hackman is a practical brick man, being acquainted with the whole process of brick making, and besides this he is a thorough business man, he being capable of handling a large force of men, and of getting the best results from his employees. He is well liked and appreciated by those who are under him as well as those who are over him at the main offices, and his ability is recognized.

Mr. Hackman was married in June, 1893, to Miss Annie A. Kittelberger of Clearfield. To this union three children have been born; Fredericka, Mary Julia and Anna Katharine. Mr. Hackman is a member of the Lutheran church, also of the Royal Arcanum. He is a member too of the Mount Union School-Board. For a number of years he was superintendent of the Sunday-school of the Clearfield Lutheran church, as well as for a term President of the Christian Endeavor Union of Clearfield county. He is an excellent citizen in this community.

**J. A. LANSBERRY**

J. A. Lansberry, who was superintendent of the Mount Union works from 1905 to 1908, was born in Woodland, Clearfield county, Feb. 4, 1880. His education was received in the public schools of that borough with the exception of a year spent at the Lock Haven Normal School. Mr. Lansberry started to learn brick making at about the age of 12. He was for a number of years in the employ of the Harbison-Walker Co., having superintended the plants at Clearfield, Hayes Station, Woodland, Walaceton and Mount Union, respectively. From Mount Union he went to Mount Savage, Md., where he had charge of a large brick plant. He was married to Miss Burkett, daughter of Peter X. Burkett of Shirleysburg, and he is the father of one son. At the present time Mr. Lansberry and family are located in Piedmont, W. Va.

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**THE MOUNT UNION BOTTLING  
WORKS**

The Mount Union Bottling Works is located on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Washington Streets. It is operated and owned by Messrs. R. J. Faust, Sr. & Son. The Messrs. Faust entered this business together on Aug. 1, 1908, and have since that time been doing quite a successful business. They manufacture only soft drinks and they distribute it throughout Hunt



J. A. Lansberry

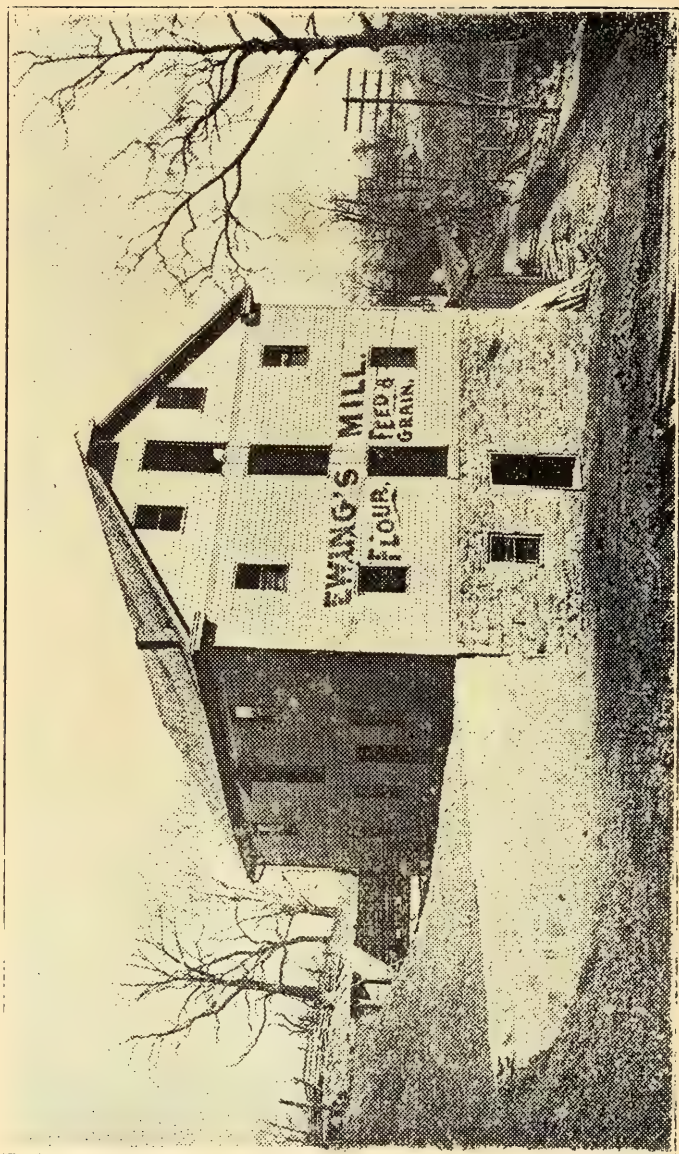
ington and adjoining counties. Their capacity, when running in full, is about 200 cases daily. The Mount Union "pop" is noted for its sweetness, and where once it has been used dealers generally are anxious to continue this line of goods.

The Mount Union Bottling Works was established here by Mr. J. E. Vowinkel, who is now located in Mercersburg, Pa. Mr. Vowinkel sold half of the business on June 1, 1908 to John E. Faust, son of R. J. Faust, Sr., and together they continued the partnership until Aug. 1st. of the same year, when Mr. Vowinkel's share was purchased by R. J. Faust, Sr. Their equipment is up-to-date, and their aim is to make a good, clean and palatable product.

#### EWING'S MILL

Ewing's Mill, the proprietor of which is the efficient miller, J. Elmer Ewing, of Mount Union, is a stand which has been in existence for a number of years, notwithstanding the fact that many marked changes have been made at frequent intervals. This mill was built by the heirs of John Shaver in 1832 or '33. Henry Shaver conducted it for a number of years, he being the son of John Shaver. Mr. Shaver sold it to David Ethier, who had charge of the mill for several years. John Rummel, deceased, operated this plant for several years in connection with David Ethier. John Ewing and





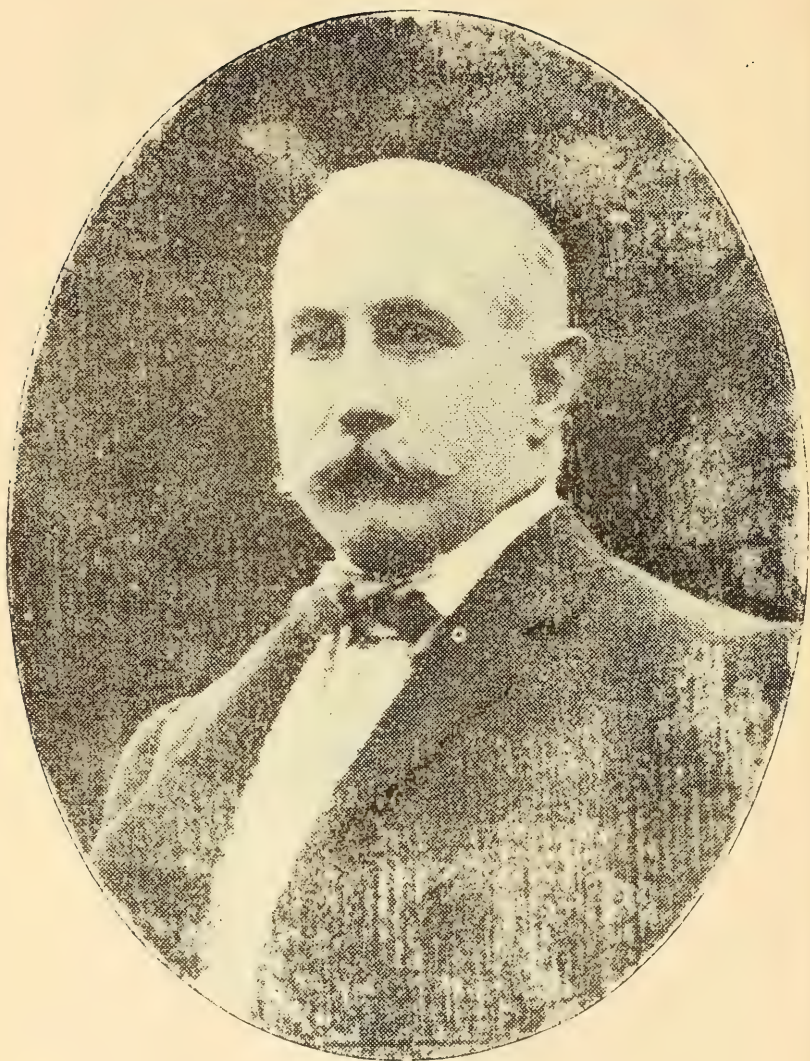
Ewing's Mill



sons, who came to Mount Union from Shirleysburg in 1889, purchased the stand and since their taking hold many improvements have been made. Mr. Ewing died in 1902, and after his death the firm was known as John Ewing's Estate. Following this, the firm name was John Ewing's Sons, they being J. Elmer, the present proprietor, and J. Banks Ewing, the proprietor of the thriving grist mill at Orbisonia. The establishment is now owned exclusively by J. Elmer Ewing, and he has one of the most up-to-date flouring mills in Central Pennsylvania. It is equipped to run by either water or steam power, and as to the mechanism installed, it is all of first class order and capable of turning out the finest flour almost that can be produced. Mr. Ewing is a practical miller and understands his business thoroughly. His assistant is Charlie Fields. His engineer is John Stitt.

#### **J. ELMER EWING**

J. Elmer Ewing, the proprietor of Ewing's Mill, was born Oct. 16, 1868 in Mifflintown, Pa. Son of John and Mary Ewing. A part of his childhood he passed in old Juniata and moved with his parents to McVeytown. After residing in McVeytown for some time, the family moved to Shirleysburg, where the father had charge of the mill, near the Shirley bridges for several years. From that place they came to Mount Union



J. Elmer Ewing

in 1889. Mr. Ewing learned the milling trade under his father, and during his time has given his exclusive time to the milling business. He has served in several local offices in town, and is also a member at the present time of the Fire Co. Mr. Ewing is greatly interested in the upbuilding and progress of Mount Union. He was married to Miss Margaret Drake, Oct. 24, 1889.

#### THE MOUNT UNION LAUNDRY

The Mount Union Laundry is practically a new industry in our town, being located on the corner of Division Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. The laundry was started July 2, 1908, and back of it are H. R. Griest of the Vulcan Trading Co., T. N. Kurtz of the Silica Brick Co., and W. G. Fisher, formerly of the Harrison-Walker Co., of this place, but now with that Company at their plant at Hayes Station. The laundry has been doing a very good business since established. It is under the direction at the present time of Mr. C. P. McCoy. The assistants are: Kenneth Rummel, Mrs. Maud Rorer, Miss Cora King, also Misses Belle and Maud King, the latter two being employed a portion of the time. Ten towns beside Mount Union receive laundry from the Mount Union Laundry, namely: Huntingdon, Orbisonia, Robertsdale, McVeytown, Alexandria, Gallitzin, South Fork, Saltillo, Petersburg and Reedsville. The appara-

tus in the laundry is all up-to-date and suitable to facilitating the work as well as doing it in an up-to-date manner.

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**C. P. McCOY**

Mr. C. P. McCoy, the manager of the Mount Union Laundry, was born in Braddock, Pa. Residing there for some time, he later moved to Latrobe, and it was at Latrobe that he graduated in the high school, thus finishing his public school education. He pursued a business course at St. Vincent College, and after that entered into the laundry business.

For some time he was assistant head of the shoe department in one of the large Johnstown stores. Mr. McCoy came to Mount Union Sept. 5, 1909, and since this date has been engaged with the laundry. He understands his business thoroughly, and since in this community has won the esteem of our people. He is a gentleman of honor and respect.

#### **THE MOUNT UNION TANNING COMPANY**

The manufacture of leather dates from the earliest times. The manufacture of leather in the United States began soon after the first English colonists settled on Massachusetts Bay in 1620. One of the first needs of these early tillers of the soil was leather for shoes, harness and other domestic purposes.

The tanners in this country have followed the woodsmen. When the fine hemlock forests of New England were cut down and lumbering pushed westward to the Allegheny Mountains, the tanneries followed closely in their wake. As they advanced westward, the old plants were abandoned because of the scarcity and high priced tan bark, and new ones built farther in the woods. The early tanneries were of temporary construction, and were built with the idea of being abandoned in a few years for more desirable locations. As the business increased in importance, and as tanning materials in the middle states became scarcer, the center of leather making has



shifted from New England to the middle and southern states. It has always been more profitable to move the hides to the tanneries than to move the bulky, heavy tan bark long distances.

Fifty years ago leather making, iron making and lumbering were the three principal industries of Pennsylvania. About that time some enterprising men regarded Mount Union as a well located place for securing tan bark. In 1859 John Bare, a well known citizen of Mount Union, built the first tannery here. It was on the exact site of the present large tannery of the Mount Union Tanning Co. In 1863 Bare became enthused with the oil excitement in western Pennsylvania and sold out his tannery to Jacob Hoffman. The plant at this time was small, like the average tanneries of that day. In 1869 Bare returned from the oil regions and built a new tannery within a short distance of his former property. Both of these adjacent properties were conducted successfully for a number of years.

It was in 1874 that A. D. Faust and son of Ambler, Pa., successful and practical manufacturers of harness leather came to Mount Union. With the idea of still further enlarging their business connections, the Messrs. Faust came here and bought both the Hoffman and Bare tanneries. It was at that time that Mr. R. J. Faust, Esq., a highly esteemed, well known and successful business



man came to Mount Union. The Hoffman tannery mentioned above was purchased in 1873 and the Bare tannery was bought in 1876, although possession was not taken of same until 1877. The second tannery built by Bare was run by William H. Rosensteel for a few years.

Under the direction of Mr. R. J. Faust, the tanning business continued in importance from 1874 until 1908, when the Faust Brothers retired from their interests here and sold their tannery property to the Mount Union Tanning Company.

However, prior to this time, in 1878, the first tanning plant built by John Bare in 1859 was burned. The present tanning plant was rebuilt and stands on its foundation. Messrs. Faust dismantled the second tannery built by John Bare in 1869, and sold the building to the DeFrehn Chair Co.

The Mount Union Tanning Co., is an outgrowth of the Juniata Oak Extract Co., at this point, and is operated in connection with the large tannery at Saultillo by C. Greene & Sons.

During the past century great changes have taken place in leather making as well as in all other important lines of manufacture. At that time it was thought that only the choicest hemlock or rock oak bark was suitable for making leather. Modern science has, in recent years revolutionized the business to a large degree. In addition to the

above tanning materials, the Mount Union Tanning Co., claim to be making a better sole leather than was made years ago. In addition to the rock oak bark and hemlock bark which they use, they use enormous quantities of tannin made from chestnut wood; from myrabolams, a nut which grows plentifully in India; and quebracho, a tannin extracted from an important forest tree of the Argentine Republic. It has been found in recent years that a better piece of leather can be made by combining several tanning materials than by the use of a single one.

The Mount Union Tanning Co. plant at this time is of much greater importance than the plant originally built here in 1859. Then they tanned about 10 hides per day. The present plant here has a capacity of 250 hides per day, and the manufacturing is done on a large scale with expensive machinery and by a complicated process. Nothing but sole leather is made here, as nowadays tanneries specialize as well as other lines of manufacture. Nearly all the hides used at this tannery are imported. They come chiefly from South and Central America by steamer to New York and Boston, thence by rail to Mount Union. The company is now getting a large consignment of hides from China. Last year they tanned a lot of hides from British East Africa. They are from the native cattle found there. These have large humps on their shoulders. This is the same part of

Africa where ex-president Roosevelt has been hunting for a number of months. When these hides came in they were dried in the sun and folded together. Between the folds quantities of ocean or river sand were found. This undoubtedly came all the way from the shores of some of the African rivers or from the shores of the Indian Ocean. It is a curious thing that these sands from Africa should finally wash down and ultimately find a lodgment among the sands of the Juniata River.

Everything comes in and is shipped out by carloads from the large plant now here. Nearly all the leather goes to Boston, which from the time of the Pilgrim fathers, has remained the shoe manufacturing center of the United States.

The Tanning Co., is now installing electric motors for the operation of a part of the machinery. These will be driven with electricity from the power of the Juniata Water & Water Power Co., and they will supplement, but not supplant, the steam plant which the company now uses.

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#### R. J. FAUST

Richard J. Faust, Sr., was born in Upper Macungie, Lehigh County, Oct. 9, 1848. He was in his third year when his father moved to Gilkey's Corner, Montgomery County, and his first recollections are of the place which was his home through all the days of his youth and young manhood. Mr. Faust obtained his



R. J. Faust

education in the common schools of his township, later spending 6 months at the Allentown Military and Collegiate College. He gave no attention, however, to the military part of the school, as he did not consider that it would be of any use to him, he having been cut out for a tanner. He was 15 years old when he entered his father's tannery as an apprentice, and 19 years of age, when he became foreman in the institution, and during his father's absence R. J. Faust was manager or superintendent.

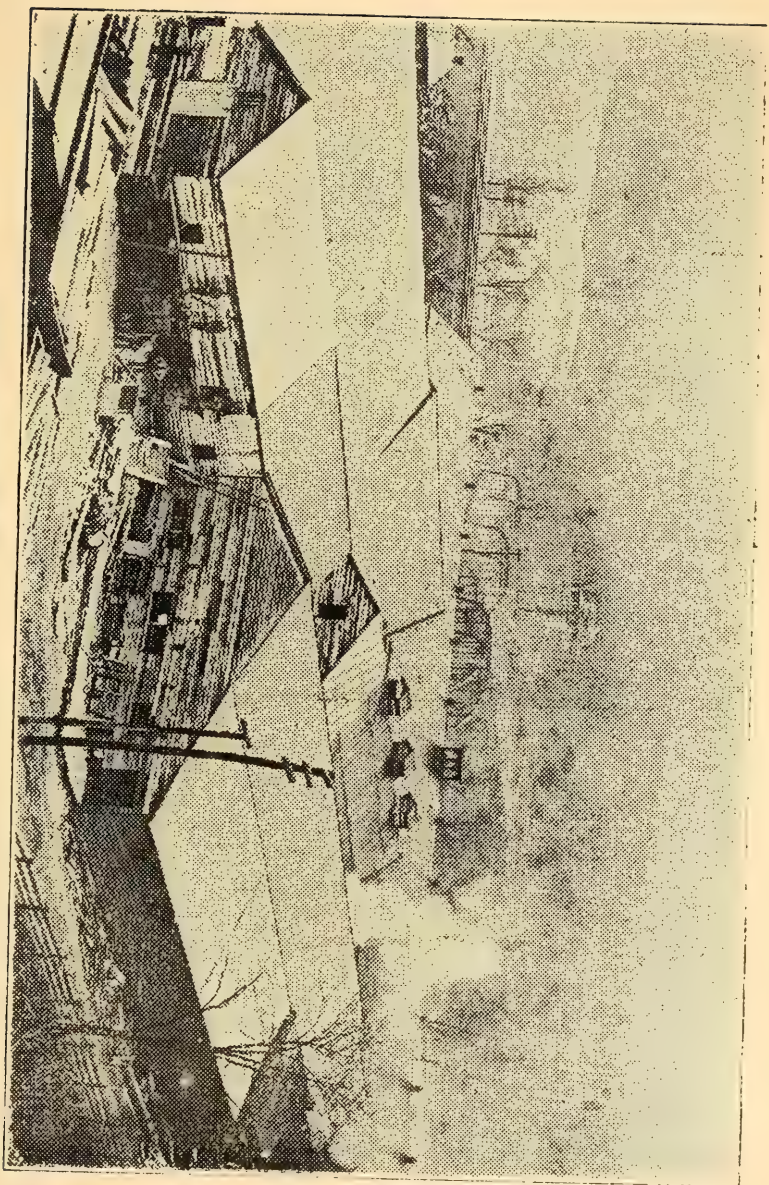
It was in the fall of 1873, that, in company with his father, Mr. Faust purchased in Mount Union the Hoffman tannery, and in the spring of 1874, he came to town and assumed full management thereof. This tannery was built in 1859 by John Eare, who sold it to Jacob Hoffman. In 1869 Mr. Eare built another tannery within a hundred feet of the site of the old one, and his tannery was sold at sheriff's sale in 1876 to Mr. Faust and his father. The firm was known as A. D. Faust & Son, until after the father's death in 1884, when the name changed to Faust Bros. R. J. Faust was a practical tanner and had learned the business thoroughly. He sold out the plant here in town in 1908 to C. Greene & Sons, and since that time Mr. Faust, in company with his son, John E. Faust, have been conducting the

Mount Union Bottling Works. Associated with Mr. Faust in the tanning business were his two sons, Richard J. Faust, Jr., now with the Irving National Exchange Bank of New York City, and John E. Faust, now of Mount Union. Mr. Faust has held various borough offices in his town and been an upright citizen, who has been held in the highest esteem by his fellow-men. He is a member of the Lutheran church, also superintendent of the Lutheran Sabbath-school at the present time. He was one of the instigators in the erection of that house of worship. Prior to the establishment of the Lutheran church here, Mr. Faust was closely associated with the Presbyterian church, and for many years was superintendent of the primary department of the Sabbath school. He stands high in the masonic order, having become a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 300 F. and A. M., in 1875. In 1877 he took the chapter degrees in the Standing Stone Chapter, H. R. A. M. No. 201. He is also a member of the Huntingdon Commandery K. of T. No. 65, and he is a life member of Syria Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Faust is also a member of the Odd Fellows, Mount Union lodge No. 677.

He was married on Jan. 6, 1870 to Miss Caroline Herrman, daughter of Henry Herrman of Horsham Township, Montgomery county. Mr. Herrman came from Germany. Mrs. Faust was born Feb. 11, 1849. Their chil-



Mount Union Tannery—undergoing repairs.



dren are as follows: Matilda, Mrs. R. M. Longacre, of town,, Richard J., of New York City, and John E., of Mount Union.

Mr. Faust was 17 years a school director, the schools being graded under his administration, He has been Justice of the Peace since Gov. Pattison's term.

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#### THE JUNIATA OAK EXTRACT CO.

The plant of the Juniata Oak Extract Co., is one of the newer manufacturing establishments of Mount Union.

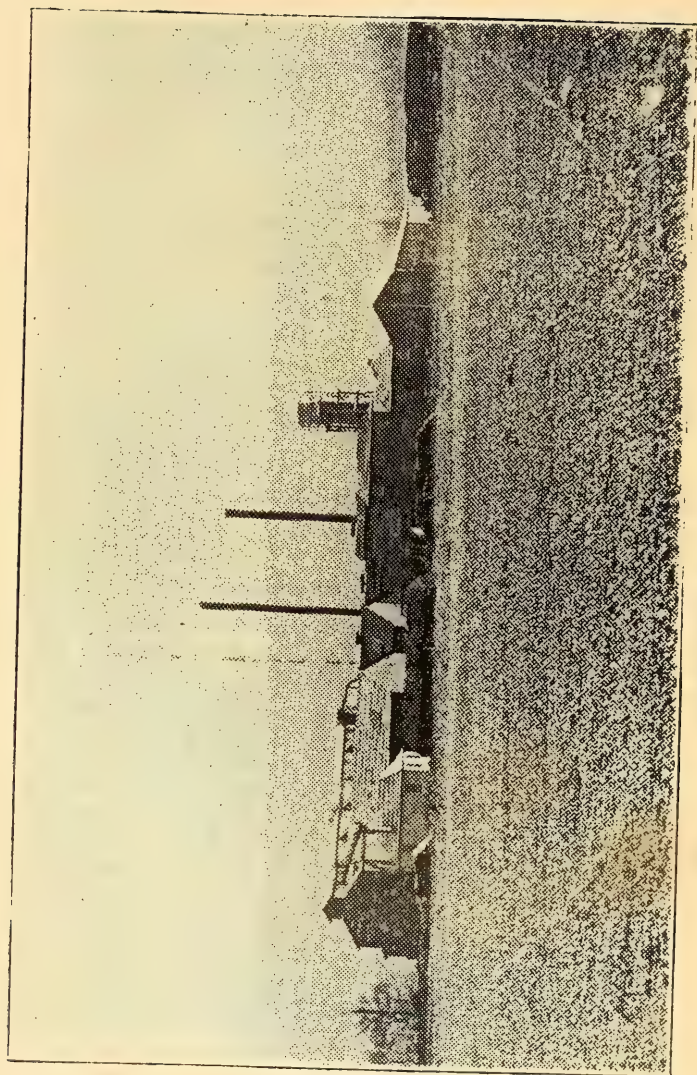
It is the outgrowth of the Saltillo Tannery. It is operated also in close connection with the Mount Union Tanning Co. whose large plant is described elsewhere in this issue, although each plant is operated separately.

This illustrates the trend of modern leather making. During recent years the important tannin bearing barks, such as the oaks and hemlock, have become so scarce from the cutting down of our once great forests that the large tanning industry had to search in other directions for a sufficient supply of tannin. It was found that the tannin from chestnut wood and bark was suitable, and later means were found for its extraction. Coupled with this necessity of finding new and strange sources of tannin, the leather making establishments of this country have, because of the necessity of competition, been compelled

led to build their tanneries in larger and still larger units. The development of that business required larger and more expensive machinery and the installation of elaborate and substantial equipment. All these are resulting in cheaper manufacturing costs. It was now recognized that it was no longer economical to abandon these large and expansive tanning units. During earlier years a tannery was of temporary construction, to be soon abandoned for a "new set" like the small steam portable saw mill of today. The tannery was often built miles from a railroad. Nowadays it is most important to be located at best centres of rail or water transportation. Hence for these reasons was born the necessity for the building of chestnut and oak extract plants, such as we are about to describe.

In 1905 the Juniata Oak Extract was organized, and 13 acres of ground was bought of James Barnes in Shirley Township along the E. B. T. R. R. near Mount Union. It was important that railroad connections be had with both the P. R. R. and E. B. T. R. R., so the latter company laid a third rail from their yards to this location for the purpose of handling standard gauge cars. After several months the plant was erected and railroad switches laid, and in the early spring of 1906 the plant was put into operation.

The mode of operation consists of



Juniata Oak Extract Works



grinding up about 50 cords of chestnut wood or hemlock or oak bark daily. This material is torn up into very small pieces in the shredding and chipping machines. This chipping machine is called a "hog." It is well named. It is powerfully built, and revolves very fast, and into its capacious jaws is dumped large chunks of cord wood as large as a man's body, which it tears apart with the greatest dispatch. The wood is fed directly into this "hog" from the cars. After still further preparation, the wood or bark chips pass by means of conveyors to the leach house, which is a huge building full of large round tanks about 14 feet deep by 14 feet high. In these the chips are dumped. Here the tannin and other soluble matters are washed out by hot water and then pumped to the evaporator house.

The chips are now practically valueless after the tannin has been removed. But it is necessary to remove them to make place for new ones. They are now steaming hot and wet. This removal used to be an annoying problem. It was formerly done by hand labor. This was expensive and it was hard to get men to do the severe work. The Juniata Co., has two machines, recently invented, which now do the work perfectly. These are operated by electric motors. They scrape the chips to a hole made in the tank bottoms where they fall through into convey-

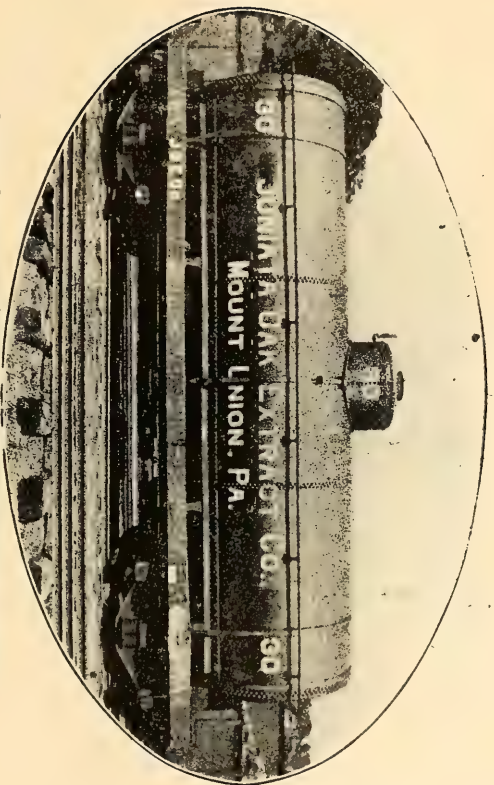
ors underneath and are then carried to the boiler house to be burned as fuel.

The boiler plant consists of 4 tubular boilers, each 18 feet long and 150 H. P. each, making a total of 600 H. P. These are run continuously and are fired with chips and coal. In addition to the chips, about 7 tons of coal are used daily.

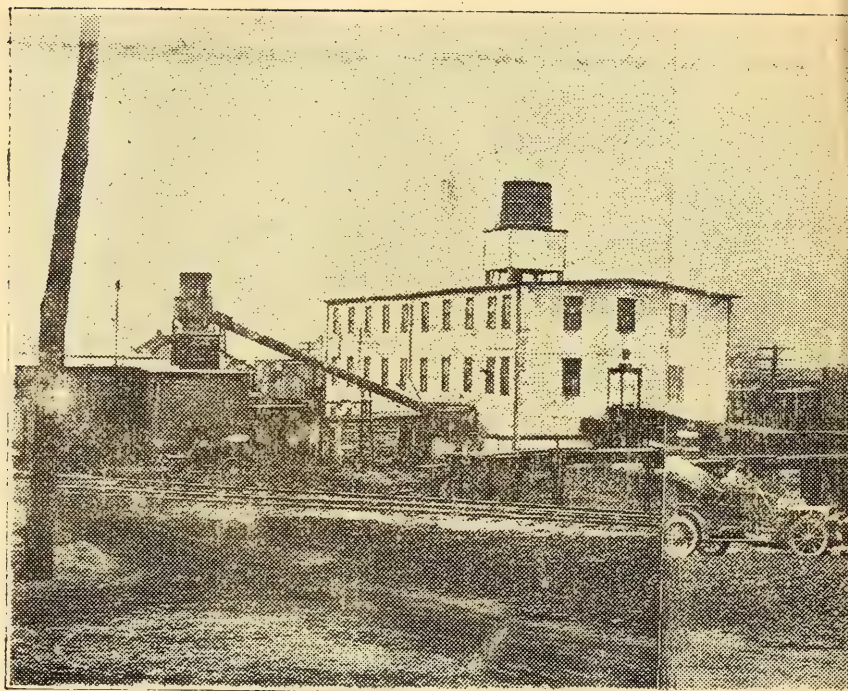
The tannin after washing from the chips is in a very dilute condition. It is too dilute to be used for tanning. It is too bulky also to transport long distances by railroad. It must now be concentrated. This is done in the evaporator house. These evaporators are large cylinders setting on their end. They are built of pure copper, since nearly all other metals would injure the tannin. There are 3 of these evaporators, and the boiling is done with steam. Each of these evaporators is connected to the other for the passage of steam and the concentrating liquor. The boiling is done under vacuum, as this permits the heat from the steam to be re-used three times. The tannin would also be destroyed if the boiling were done at the open air temperatures.

In fact, the Juniata Co., uses their steam four times before it is condensed to be pumped back into the four boilers to supply them with water. The steam is first used in the large chipping engine, air compressor, electric light engine, vacuum pump en-

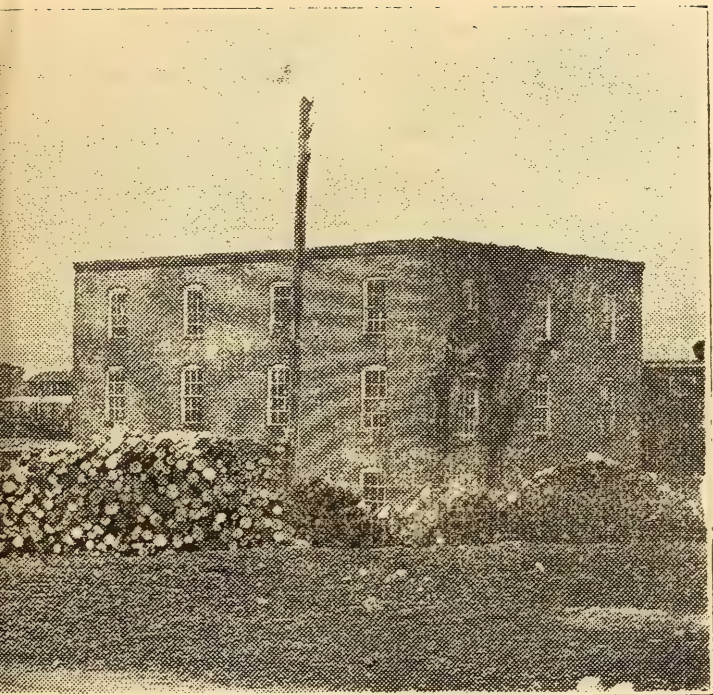




One of the Junata Oak Extract tank cars.



The Chair Factory



Mount Union, Pa.

gine, and numerous small steam pumps, and conducted then to the evaporator house; here it is used the second, third and fourth times through the evaporators. The company is figuring to use this heat the fifth time. This illustrates again the wonderful economies to which our large manufacturing plants resort to cheapen costs. From these large evaporators the concentrated tannin is pumped into storage tanks for shipment all over the United States and some to foreign countries. The extract is now black color and thick like syrup, but when it is diluted for use in making leather it produces a beautiful oak colored leather with which we are all familiar on our shoe bottoms.

The first tannin extract plant in the United States was built in Huntingdon about 20 years ago. It was commonly known as the Gondola Works after Gondola, an eminent French chemist, who discovered the process. The Huntingdon plant was abandoned years ago. It was a financial failure for a number of reasons. Our Mount Union plant was the last built in the United States. In between these two have been built about two dozen others throughout the Eastern States. The Mount Union plant has been a success from the beginning. It has been making a high grade extract and has been capably managed. Its product has met with ready sale. It has been run-

ning continuously day and night for three years without a shut down. It not only supplies the large tanneries at Saltillo and Mount Union with tannin, but ships much to other tanneries in this State. Its business is all done in car-load lots. It operates a line of standard gauge, all steel tank cars of its own which they send from California to Canada. The cut shows one of these. This year they shipped an order in casks to South Africa. Last year they sent another to Australia. All these are advertising Mount Union products all the world around.

This large and important plant is complete in every particular. It is lighted with electricity. They carry electric current nearly one fourth mile to the Juniata River to a pumping plant which automatically supplies the plant with 900 gallons water per minute, which is chiefly used for condensing, leaching and steam purposes. The grounds contain ample railroad tracks, and are piped with numerous hose plugs for fire purposes. The company carries a large stock of wood and bark on hand, which would make a very serious fire unless promptly checked.

The business of the Mount Union Tannery and the Juniata Co., are now conducted from the same office in Mount Union on account of more convenient facilities.

### THE CHAIR FACTORY

The Chair Factory situated to the western part of town along the old line of the P. R. R., was erected and formerly occupied by the the DeFrehn Chair Company, and later occupied by the W. H. Moudy Co. It was in the fall of 1889 that William DeFrehn and sons came here from Williamsport, Md., and started up business. The June flood of that year had damaged considerably their establishment in Williamsport, hence it was for that reason that they came to Mount Union. The old tannery was sold to the Messrs. DeFrehn by Mr. R. J. Faust, and being dismantled, was utilized as the first chair factory. This building was burned on Feb. 20, 1892, and later rebuilt the second building being the one standing today. There is, in addition to the mill, a brick paint shop and several other surrounding buildings. The Messrs. DeFrehn went to Johnstown in 1898 and entered into the chair manufacturing business. From that date until about two years ago, the plant was run by W. H. Moudy. The establishment is at present in the hands of the directors: T. H. Adams, R. J. Faust, Chas. Stratford, T. A. Appleby, W. T. Bell, W. G. Ewing's heirs, and A. S. Welch. This board of directors recently named A. S. Welch of their number, trustee. The plant is likely to be sold shortly and be put into operation. The site is an excellent one and the buildings



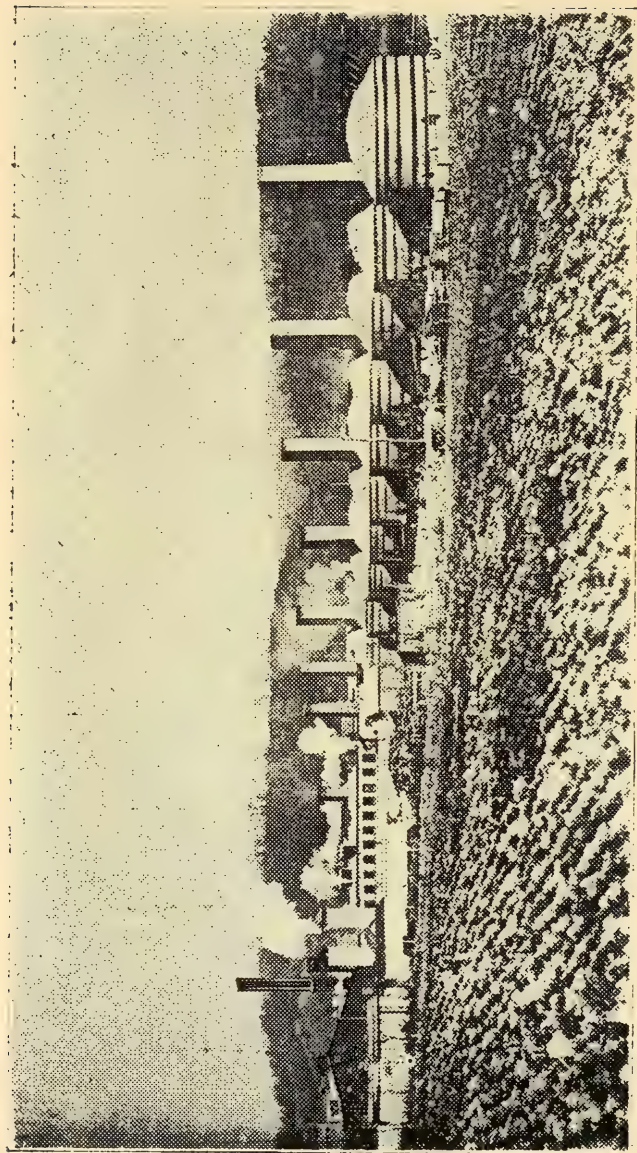
are in good condition.

Of the above firm, William De-Prehn, Sr., was the father, and his sons, who were interested in the factory were: Robert, William, Jr., Edward, Charles, Frank, Augustus and George. When the establishment was in operation, thousands of fine quality chairs of various styles were sent from this place to various parts of the country.

#### **MOUNT UNION SILICA BRICK WORKS**

The manufacture of silica fire brick marks one of the greatest industrial enterprises in Mount Union. The Mount Union Silica Brick Co., have a large and modern brick manufactory. Mr. Scott Dibert of Johnstown is the president of this concern. This plant is rapidly assuming large proportions, and in fact the progress as well as the construction of their plant during the past 8 years have been due largely to the quality of their output as well as the methods which are utilized in its manufacture.

Mr. Dibert is one of the pioneers of brick-making in this community. In fact, before the Harbison-Walker Plant was erected, Mr. Dibert in company with W. H. Haws of Johnstown came to Mount Union to investigate this town as a favorable site wherein to locate a brick plant. They found large quantities of gneiss rock located on Jack's Mountain,



Mount Union Silica Brick Works

Their visit here at that time was successful, and it was not long after until a brick works was established, known as the W. H. Haws Fire Brick Co. Those who were at the head of this concern at this time were the men who started the plant of the Mount Union Silica Brick Co., two years later, The W. H. Haws establishment, a few years after it had been built, was purchased by the Harbison-Walker people, and it was in 1901 that the works of the Mount Union Silica Brick Co. were erected, though at that time very small in proportion to what they are today. Their plant has been built upon ground formerly owned by Peter Shaver and later by his daughter, Exie Shaver. Mount Union is indebted to a great extent to Mr. Scott Dibert for the flourishing brick industries located here today, to which is largely due the prosperity which Mount Union enjoys at the present time.

The first brick of the Mount Union Silica Brick Co., were made Nov. 27, 1901. The plant at that time was small and their output was about 14,000 daily. An individual concern, nevertheless it had firm footing, substantial and efficient men back of it, and to them has been due the success, which has thus far been attained. At the present time this plant has 18 kilns and all of the modern improved type. 3 large pans which grind the crushed rock. 6 engines, 3

electric motors, 3 boilers, having a capacity of 350 H. P. collectively, an air compressor, and in fact all the machinery is up-to-date. Throughout the plant shows quite a bit of ingenuity in arrangement, construction and manipulation. Of the engines just mentioned, there are 3 of 165 H. P. each, 2 of which are used to run the dynamos and the other to run the pans, the other 3 engines are used to run the fans, two of them being 35 and the other 15 H. P. respectively; the 2 large crushers are run by an 85 H. P. electric motor; there is a 10 H. P. motor utilized also for running one of the fans and a  $\frac{1}{4}$  H. P. motor used in the blacksmith shop. The process of brick-making at the Silica Works is unique. The rock is brought here from Jacks Mountain in the vicinity of Mapleton where it is transported by a locomotive and cars to the railroad and shipped to the Mount Union plant. The cars are run in over the siding to the works and the rock is dumped and passed through 2 crushers, 1 of which breaks it into pieces and the other crushes it still smaller, the latter process being used to take extra work off the pans. Since having gone through the fine crusher, the rock is conveyed to a large bin, and then into a car, weighed and dropped into the grinding pans wherein it is ground and mixed with lime water. When the material is sufficiently ground, the pans are emp-

tied by a patent emptier which assures uniformity in the ground mixture, also doubling the capacity, giving them 8 pans rather than 4 per hour, an improvement over the general run of silica brick-making. After this, the material is pounded into moulds, thence placed upon pallets, and then upon rack cars and at once pushed into the tunnels, where undergoing a process of drying at 200 degrees F., they are now ready for the kilns. They are conveyed on the same cars into the kilns and thus set and burned. We note an improvement in the method of handling brick at the Silica Works since the brick are not touched from the time they leave the hands of the moulders until they are set in the kilns. The daily capacity of the Silica Works will shortly be 80,000 during this year. Of course, to bring about this large output it has been necessary for the company to undergo some vast improvements which are noticeable today. An addition at the present time is being built to the mill, additional siding is also being laid. A large storage shed is being erected for their product and 4 new kilns have just recently been completed. 250 tons of rock are used daily and about 100 tons of coal are being consumed. The pallets are cleaned by means of compressed air and sand blast, run by an air compressor in the engine room. There are 305 rack cars having roller bear-

ings and each hold 576 brick. There are over 30,000 pallets. The pallets are used to place the brick upon, after they are taken from the moulds and these pallets are placed on the steel rack cars.

Thos. N. Kurtz of Mount Union is the efficient general superintendent of the plant; John L. Smith has charge of all the outside work, including the burning and setting of the brick; H. E. Lowery, assisted by Harry Stake, has charge of the moulding and grinding; Walter Hildebrand looks after the emptying of the kilns and shipping; John B. Heckert has charge of the making of the moulds; Howard Service is master mechanic; L. M. Robinson has charge of the brick-laying, repairs and new construction; Samuel Henry is chief carpenter; Horace Chilcott is chief engineer; William Gloss is night engineer; T. C. Cowher has charge of the quarries on the mountain. Of the office force, J. Frank Moore is bookkeeper and office manager. His assistants are Charles McKelvy and W. O. Fields. The directors of the Mount Union Silica Brick Co., are: Scott Dibert of Johnstown; Francis J. Torrance, his brother-in-law, of Pittsburg, Thos. N. Kurtz of Mount Union, and Herman E. Baumer of Johnstown, a son-in-law of Mr. Dibert. The general sales agent for the company is James M. Duncan of Johnstown.

Mr. Dibert is the owner of



the Silica Brick Co., The plant is up-to-date, and has grown and is growing rapidly to meet the demands for a high grade of silica brick, such as they are producing today. As was said in the beginning of this article, the equipment is up-to-date and economy is exercised wherever possible. For instance: The waste heat is taken from the cooling kilns and utilized by suitable mechanical apparatus for the drying of the brick in the tunnels. The exhaust steam is also used to dry the brick and heat the water which is pumped into the boilers. This system is a great saving in coal. A blower has been installed in recent months which removes the dust from the crushers. The men who are employed at this works are skilled in the positions which they hold, and it is quite true that it is a very busy place.

Relative to the supply of ganister rock; in addition to what they are now working, this company owns 10 miles of ganister rock along the Tuscarora Mountain, also the end of Stone mountain near Mill Creek, also 320 acres on the north side of the Juniata on Jacks Mountain, and other holdings. This assures them an inexhaustible quantity, enough to last them at least 100 years.

An important part of the plant are the buildings; Machine shop, blacksmith shop and carpenter shops. The machine shop is especially equipped for making the many steel

moulds required in this business. Besides making moulds, repair work of all kinds is done in the shops, affecting a great saving of time..

Everything at the Silica Brick Works is carefully and neatly arranged, systematically laid out, so that there is no loss of time in the handling of their product as well as in the manufacture of it. From 5 to 10 car loads of brick are shipped daily. It takes about 8 days to burn a kiln of brick and then about this length of time is required for the kiln to cool sufficiently for the removal of the brick for shipment. The additional buildings to the Mount Union Silica Brick Plant will be absolutely fire-proof, and the equipment will be modern in every particular. Electric apparatus is applied wherever possible, this works being the seat of the Mount Union Light & Power Co., practically under the same control. The popularity and favor of this company's brick is known throughout the country, and the high standard which they have set for this commodity is responsible in a great measure for the extent and increased development of their plant and output today. M. Kurtz is a practical brick manufacturer, he having been associated with this business for a number of years. He is capable of discharging his duties with marked success, and is able to deal with the men who are in his employ in such a way as to win their esteem and favor togeth-

er with the best results from their labors. The coal utilized is from the Rockhill Iron & Coal Co., at Robertsdale, there being both East Broad Top and Pennsylvania sidings into the works.

Major John M. Osborne was associated with the Silica Brick Co., up until the time of his death on July 3, 1909, and he added much to the efficiency of this organization. The Mount Union Silica Brick Co., is the second largest manufacturer of silica brick in the United States.

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#### **MOUNT UNION LIGHT & POWER COMPANY**

The Mount Union Light & Power Co., is practically the same as the Mount Union Silica Brick Co. the establishment being located in the engine room of the brick works, where two large dynamos have been installed which furnish this town with both day and night current. The current was first turned on Aug. 20, 1905, and that was a night long to be remembered by our citizens, when the electric lights glowed for the first time on our streets. The officers of the Light & Power Co., are: Mr. Dibert, President; John L. Dickson, Treasurer and Superintendent; T. N. Kurtz, Secretary; and the Board of Directors are: Mr. Dibert, T. N. Kurtz, John L. Dickson and Carl F. Stremel, a son-in-law of Mr. Dibert, Major John M. Osborne, deceased, was also one of the directors of the Light Co.

Mr. Dickson has had an education and large experience in electrical work, and handles this electric plant efficiently and with much credit to himself and this community.

### SCOTT DIBERT

Mr. Scott Dibert, the President of the Silica Brick Works, was born Nov. 1, 1852 in Johnstown. With the exception of a year spent in Philadelphia in connection with a wholesale shoe manufacturing establishment, Johnstown has been Mr. Dibert's home up to the present time. While business interests call him to Mount Union frequently, we are proud as a town to claim a portion of his citizenship, and we look forward to a future day when Mr. Dibert will make Mount Union his permanent home. For 40 years Mr. Dibert was in the shoe business in Johnstown. He has relinquished the mercantile business, and for the last 10 years, has devoted his time to brick making. He was married on Jan. 30, 1879 to Miss Annie L. Rosensteel, daughter of Wm. H. Rosensteel, who in the past had operated the tanneries in Mount Union. Mr. Dibert is an excellent citizen, an efficient business man, and in consequence of these characteristics, he has won the esteem and favor of his employees as well as the community. A weekly visit is paid to Mount Union to look after his business interests, and in fact, he is much interested



**Mr. Scott Dibert**  
President of the Mount Union Silica Brick Company

in our city and just as ambitious as the most of us for advancement and success of the community.

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### THOMAS N. KURTZ

Thos. N. Kurtz is the Superintendent for the Mount Union Silica Brick Co. Mr. Kurtz is a native of Johnstown, and has been associated with brick making as well as clerical work most all his life. He graduated from a business college at the age of 14, after which he continued work in the same college, until 15, when he went to work in the laboratory of the Cambria Steel Co. A little, later



Mr. Kurtz entered the office of A. J. Haws & Sons, Ltd., Brick Manufacturers of Johnstown, as a stenographer. He was later book-keeper and office manager. In 1899 he came to Mount Union with Bert Haws, and Mr. Dibert, and in 1900 he was with the Harbison-Walker Co., in the Pittsburg office. He has been with the Mount Union Silica Brick Co., ever since its establishment here in 1901. Mr. Kurtz was married to Miss Mary Sheaffer and resides on Shirley street, Mount Union. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, also of the masonic order. He is a practical business man, and though young in years, is broad in experience and in business capacity. He has made thus far a very efficient superintendent of the Mount Union Plant.

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#### **MOUNT UNION WATER COMPANY**

In 1883, when Peter Herdic installed water works in Huntingdon, he was anxious to come to Mount Union, and install water works here, but was informed that Mount Union would install its own water plant. Dr. A. R. McCarthy, then editor of the Times, took the matter up urging that the borough should be bonded and water brought from Jack's Spring. He succeeded in getting the council to order a special election, but the proposition was voted down by a large majority. People were opposed to bonding the borough for any purpose whatever.

The next year Dr. McCarthy was nominated for Burgess on an improvement-ticket, it being understood that he, if elected, would have the borough install a water plant. He was defeated by a small majority, but this settled the water proposition for many years.

In 1899, John Rife of Duncannon came along and got a franchise from the council to install a water plant, agreeing to have the work completed within a year. His year expired without his having done anything further than getting a charter.

In 1900 E. R. Kay, of Bellwood came, bought Rife's charter, obtained from the council a renewal of Rife's franchise, bought the Jack Spring stream from J. Simpson Africa and proceeded to install a water works. Kay had in company with him H. W. Baird, of Cleveland, Ohio, and later Dr. A. R. McCarthy took an interest in the company and bought the other two out.

For several years he was kept busy enlarging and extending the line to suit the growing needs of the town. In this he was handicapped by the faulty construction of the work in the first place, having to spend many thousands of dollars in deepening pipes, changing lines, making new reservoir to secure more pressure and part of the time by insufficient water—the demands of the town exceeding the supply in very dry seasons, and the builder of the

plant having contracted to furnish manufactories several times as much water as could be furnished in ordinarily dry seasons.

In 1907 Dr. McCarthy sold four-fifths of the plant to H. E. Ahrens, and J. S. Ahrens of Reading, and W. J. Yeager of Reedsville and A. Reed Hayes of Lewistown. The new company laid a new eight and ten inch line to Dark Hollow, where they built a million gallon reservoir, and connected the upper Furnace Run, where a smaller reservoir was made. But the year 1908 proved to be the driest for many years and the year 1909 has been still drier, and the three streams are now sending out less water than one stream formerly furnished.

This year the company has built another million gallon reservoir lower down on the Furnace stream, and it is now engaged in boring an artesian well at the foot of Jacks Mountain above Dark Hollow Reservoir; and it expects, before another dry season comes to be able to keep everybody in water.

Mount Union is built on the side of a hill as it were, the highest up part being two hundred feet higher than the lowest street, and consequently it takes a pressure of ninety-five pounds in the pipes on the lowest street, before the people of the highest part of the town can get any water. Of the seven hundred users of water, nearly one hundred live on

the hill, too high to be easily served when water is low.

When the plant was installed, in 1900, Mount Union had a population of 1086. It now has, including suburbs, upward of 3200. In 1900 work had just been begun on the "Ganister Works." Now there are two large fire brick plants, a large steam tannery, extract works and creosoting works, and two railroads, employing in all more than one thousand men and the enlarging and spreading out of the town has caused the company to have to be continually extending its lines. Upwards of twenty thousand feet of new line has been laid in the last two years and the company now has more than twelve miles of pipe. There are fifty-five plugs. H. E. Ahrens is president of the company, W. J. Yeager, vice president, A. Reed Hays treasurer, W. H. Miller secretary, and Dr. A. R. McCarthy superintendent.

The lines were extended this year to the new creosoting plant and to Ridge Avenue and Allenport.

#### THE SHIRT FACTORY

"Stitch, stitch, stitch," that is the way it is at the Mount Union Shirt Factory, located in the second and third stories of the new Crum building, the concern being known as the Mount Union Manufacturing Co., under the operation of Nathan Faggen & Co., of Philadelphia. It is the shirt factory with 35 girls at work and 46 sewing machines ready to turn

loose at any emergency. The power is furnished by an electric motor, and the output of shirts is from 90 to 100 dozen daily. The sewing machines used are: Singer, Union, Special and Wheeler & Wilson. The managers at the present time are: Wm. H. Ginsberg and J. Cohan of Philadelphia. They make dress shirts of most every style, color and pattern. It is a paying industry and gives employment to a number of the females in Mount Union.

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#### THE MOUNT UNION LIME CO.

The Mount Union Lime Company was formerly owned by Messrs. Chas. D., and Harry L. Lukens. Today, Harry Lukens is the sole owner and his father, Geo. W. Lukens of town is manager. Harry Lukens resides in Harrisburg. There is a considerable amount of lime put out, quite an amount shipped away, particularly over the East Broad Top.

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#### PLANING MILLS

Mount Union has two planing mills one owned by L. E. Reeder and the other owned and operated by A. S. Welch in connection with his lumber business. Mr. Reeder runs his establishment by steam while Mr. Welch's mill is operated by electric power.

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#### CIDER MILL

Mount Union has also a hydraulic cider press, the owner of which is John Ripple, residing to the southeast portion of the town.

# OUR BUSINESS MEN

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## EWING'S STORE

Ewing's Store, known throughout this section, and associated with Mount Union, for many years, was first opened for business May 26, 1875, under the firm name of A. G. Ewing & Son. At that time the store occupied a portion of what is now the Ewing residence on Shirley Street, near Division. W. G. Ewing, son of A. G. Ewing, was put in charge of the business and under his successful management, it grew rapidly. It was soon however, that a larger room was sought, and for sometime Ewing's establishment flourished in the frame building corner of Division and Shirley Streets, now occupied by R. M. Longacre, at that time however in the possession of John S. Shaver. Upon the retirement of "Cheap John" or Mr. Wolf, the Messrs. Ewing moved into the brick building across the street, the location at this day. The business continued to grow, and it was not long until the third story was finished to afford additional storage room, and later additions were made to the original structure, until at the present time, the establishment is one of the best and most substantial store buildings in this county. Ewing's Store, upon the death of the Senior member of the firm in 1894, continued under the management of W. G.



Ewing until the latter's death, Sept. 2, 1906. Since that date, the firm has been conducted by the Ewing Estate, under the efficient management of Cloyd B. Ewing, son of the late W. G. Ewing. Today the Ewing establishment is one of the largest and best in Mount Union, and a complete line of general merchandise, clothing etc., is kept. Since the management of C. B. Ewing, the business has continued to grow as in the past. A corps of able clerks are at hand to facilitate the extensive trade which they enjoy.

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#### **W. G. EWING, DECEASED**

W. G. Ewing, who died Sept. 2, 1906, was born at Graysville, this county, June 22, 1854. Mr. Ewing attended the local schools, later an academy at Bellwood, and still later the Tuscarora Academy at Academia. He prepared for college, but owing to his health, was not permitted to pursue further study. He entered into business with his father, and during his time in Mount Union was one of our leading citizens, a man held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. Mr. Ewing was an able business man.

Further mention has previously been made regarding Mr. Ewing, to be found on page 195 of this history.

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#### **CLOYD B. EWING**

Cloyd Benton Ewing, at present the manager of the Ewing store, was born in Mount Union, Nov. 9, 1882.



C. B. Ewing

His early life was spent with his father, rendering such assistance about the store as a boy should. He attended the local schools and graduated therefrom in 1898. Mr. Ewing matriculated at Juniata College in the fall of 1898, and graduated therefrom in the Normal English Department in 1900. The winter of 1900 and 1901 was spent out of school, he having assisted his father during this time in the store. In the fall of 1901, Mr. Ewing re-entered Juniata College, and pursuing college prepara-

tory and special work, entered the Classical Department of the University of Pennsylvania in Sept. 1902, from which institution he graduated in 1905, completing the college's course in three years and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Mr. Ewing was granted a scholarship in Economics in the Department of Philosophy, (the graduate Department of the University,) and one year was spent in post-graduate work when he gave particular attention to Economics, Sociology and Pedagogy. At Commencement in 1906, Mr. Ewing received the degree of Master of Arts, and at the same time was granted a Harrison scholarship in Economics for 1906 and 1907, but owing to his father's death was compelled to resign it. Some additional work remains to be done, which will be executed soon and then the subject of this sketch will receive his degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

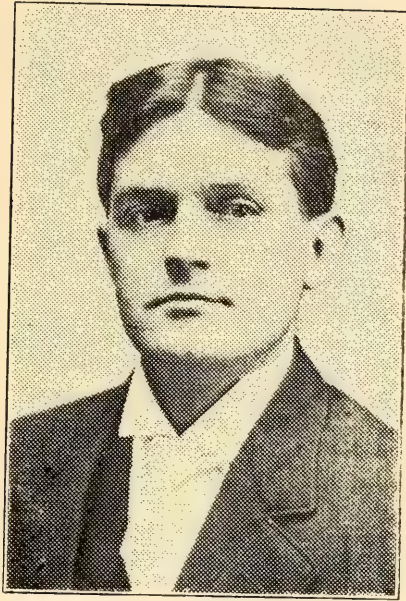
While in the University, Mr. Ewing was active in Y. M. C. A., work, was graduate secretary of the Christian Association, Superintendent of the University Christian Settlement, member of the Houston Club, President of the Huntingdon County Club, as well as active in various other organizations. Mr. Ewing represented the University for four summers at the Northfield Students' Conference and he was also one of the representatives at the Nashville Volunteer Convention held in 1906.

At the present time Mr. Ewing is a teacher in the Presbyterian Sunday school, President of the County Christian Endeavor Union, a director as well as one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Mount Union. He was the organizer of the Juniata Valley Alumni Association of the University of Pennsylvania.

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#### CHARLES H. WEYANT

Charles H. Weyant, one of our up-to-date merchants, has been brought up in the mercantile business, his father before him following this occupation. Mr. Weyant was born June 23, 1873 in Allenbank, Bedford County, Pa. He is of French and German extraction, being a son of Thomas B. and Louisa Machtley Weyant. Mr. Weyant's education was received in the public schools of his community, and as a youth he clerked in his father's store and later managed the business for several years. Mr. Weyant was manager of 12 different mercantile establishments prior to coming to Mount Union, he having relinquished a position with the New York Importing Co., in Pittsburg, in 1903 to come here to take charge of the Vulcan Trading Co., store. Mr. Weyant conducted stores in Altoona, Pittsburg, and Portage. He went into business for himself in Mount Union, Dec. 16, 1904, being located on Division street near Shirley. This fall Mr. Weyant completed the erection of a fine new



**C H. Weyant**

building situated on Jefferson Street, in the central business section of the town, and just a few weeks ago, he took possession thereof, and at the present time is re-arranging and fixing up what promises to be one of the finest stores in Mount Union. He carries a line of general merchandise, notions, green groceries, etc. Mr. Weyant was married in November, 1905, to Miss Ethel Isenberg, daughter of J. G. Isenberg of town. He is the father of one son, Thomas. He is a member of the Knights of the Mystic Chain, being a charter member at Portage, as well as a

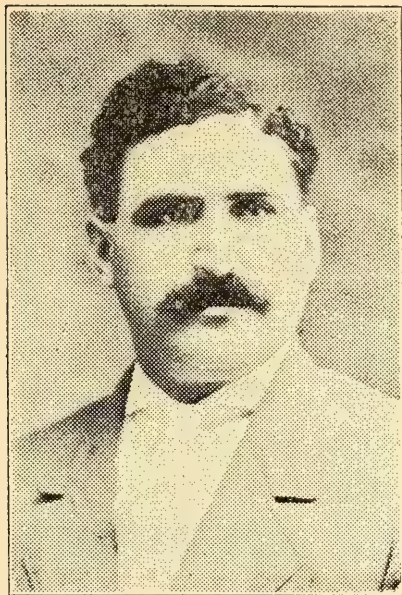
member of the Odd Fellows of Mount Union. Mr. Weyant is an officer in the Lutheran church, and at the present time is a member of the Town Council. His new store room is spacious, and commodious, the second floor being fitted up as a dwelling for his family containing 7 rooms. The building is heated by steam, lighted by electricity, and has all the modern equipment.

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#### GEORGE SHAPIRO

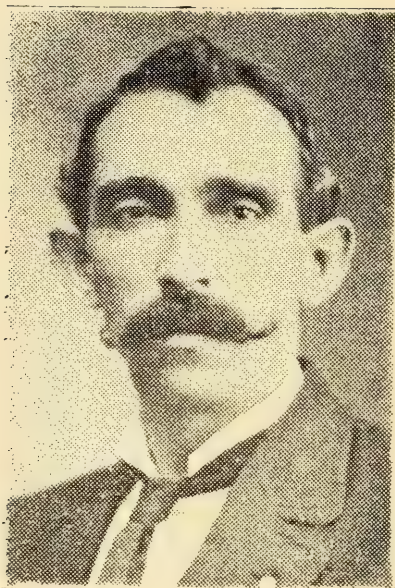
Geo. Shapiro, who is one of Mount Union's up-to-date and industrious clothing merchants, was born in Wepser in the state of Kovno, Russia, Oct. 14, 1881. Mr. Shapiro came to America 13 years ago (1896), and settled with his parents in Lock Haven, Pa., where to this day his father is in the clothing business. His boyhood days were spent in Russia, where he attended the public schools and also assisted his father, who was a lumber dealer and miller. From Lock Haven. Mr. Shapiro went to Grampian, Clearfield County, where he was located for 6 years. He came to Mount Union, on Mar. 9, 1904, after the death of B. Cohen, and entered into business in the Beers Hotel block, a large and commodious room located in the center of the town. Geo. Shapiro is a practical clothier, having been in this business for a number of years. He was married Jan. 11, 1904, to Miss Annie Cohen of Brooklyn, and is the father of three children, one boy and two girls. Mr. Shapiro is a member of





**George Shapiro**

the Fraternal Order of Eagles and of the Conawago Tribe (Red Men) No. 167. He is a member of the Fire Co. also is an active citizen, ambitious toward the progress and development of our town. He runs a large an' complete store, consisting of men's as well as ladies' furnishings, and he conducts the business in a very successful and satisfactory manner.



**T. C. PEDUZZI**

T. C. Peduzzi, the Mount Union Confectioner, was born in Lombard-  
dia, in the northern part of Italy,  
March 16, 1867. He spent 14 years  
in the fatherland, after which he  
travelled through Switzerland, spend-  
ing 5 years throughout the different  
cantons of the Alps country, Mr. Pe-  
duzzi being a stone mason by trade.  
At the age of 19 he went to France  
where he spent 4 years. It was in  
1890 that he came to America, set-  
tling in the West in the region of  
Montana and Washington. Mr. Peduz-  
zi has traveled through 31 states of

the Union and is well acquainted with the western part of this great country. On April 10, 1906 he came to Mount Union, where he was mason foreman for the Drake & Stratton Co., the firm that had charge of the railroad construction work here a few years ago. Nine years were spent by Mr. Peduzzi with the Drake & Stratton people. Having a close attachment for Mount Union and its people, Mr. Peduzzi decided to stay here after the construction work was completed and consequently bought out Lusardi, the confectioner, located in the Stratford building on Shirley street, and took possession thereof Aug. 18, 1908. Since that date Mr. Peduzzi has been one of our successful business men, and has enjoyed to the present time a lucrative business in confections, candies, ice cream, soda water and green goods in season. He was married to Ceresa Disolina in 1889, and to them have been born 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. Mr. Peduzzi speaks Italian, French and English fluently.

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#### R. F. ERNST

We wish to apprise our readers of the fact that the pictures, which have been used in this write-up since it was started have mostly been taken by R. F. Ernst, the Mount Union photographer. These pictures as a rule speak well for the artist who took and finished them. In behalf of Mr. Ernst then, we wish to say that



**R F. Ernst**

he is a native of Germany, born in the old town of Goslar, in the province of Hanover, in the year 1877, on New Years Day. Mr. Ernst attended the public schools of his Fatherland until he was 18 years of age, at which time he came to America and settled in Houtzdale, where he worked at photography with a cousin, in 1895. Photography was taken up before Mr. Ernst came to America, so that he had practically learned his trade before emigrating. He remained in Houtzdale about 2 years when he returned to Germany.

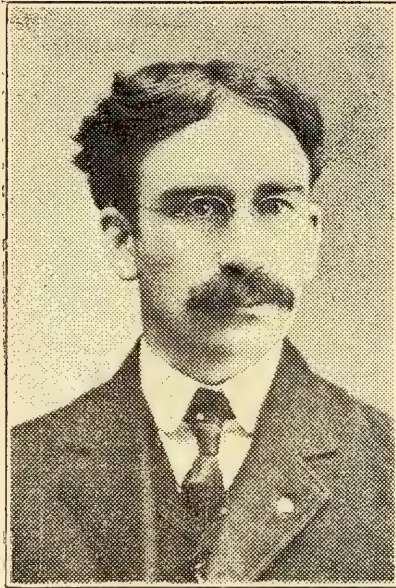
his return being necessitated on account of the death of his parents. Three years were spent in the Fatherland, (1898-1901), after which Mr. Ernst came back to the United States and settled this time in Clearfield, where in 1902 he was married to Miss Jennie Reed. To this union has been born one son, Frederick. Mr. Ernst and family resided 3 years in Clearfield and came to Mount Union November, 1904. Since in our town, Mr. Ernst has had about all he can do to supply the large demand for his photographic goods. He is an artist with the camera. He is a member of the faith of Martin Luther.

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#### DR. C. A. R. McCLAIN

Like many other of our good, energetic business men, Dr. C. A. R. McClain got his start in life by hard work upon the farm. The Doctor was born in Huntingdon county near New Grenada (Fulton County), Pa., Sept. 21, 1875, the son of Samuel H. and Eveline Shcre McClain. The Doctor is of Scotch-Irish extraction, and has inherited considerable energy and zeal from his ancestry. Because of his perseverance, the Doctor decided when a young man to become a practitioner of medicine, and having chosen a professional career, he attended a normal summer school at McConnellsburg, later a year at Juniata College, and having pursued the necessary preparatory work, he matriculated at the Medico Chirurgical





**Dr. C. A. R. McClain**

College in Philadelphia in the fall of 1895. The Doctor graduated from that institution in the spring of 1898, and afterward entered into business at Cassville, July, 1898. He remained in Cassville until 1903, when he came to Mount Union as successor to Dr. A. R. McCarthy, who at that time relinquished his practice of medicine. It was not long until Dr. McClain had built up a large practice in this community and had won the esteem of many of our people. Today he is one of the popular physicians



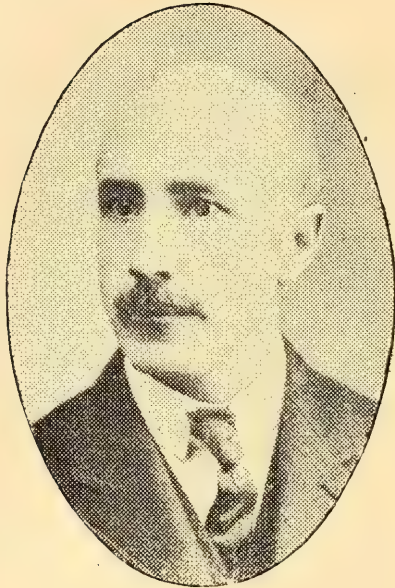
of the county, conducts a widely extended practice about Mount Union and vicinity, facilitates his work by means of an automobile, and has installed suitable modern apparatus for the treatment of most any diseases which afflict mankind.

The Doctor was married to Miss Meta A. Hunter, daughter of the late Dr. R. I. Hunter of Wells Valley, Fulton County, Pa., and to them have been born 4 children, namely: Fred, Robert, Ethel and Gertrude. The Doctor is a follower of the faith of John Wesley, a member of the Masonic order, of the Cassville lodge of Odd Fellows, of the John C. Ross Encampment of Mount Union (I. O. O. F.). He is at present one of Mount Union's Councilmen.

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#### H. R. GRIEST

Born in Unionville, Center County, Pa., Feb. 2, 1874, H. R. Griest, at present the manager of the Vulcan Trading Company's store in Mount Union, enjoys a prominent place among Mount Union's business men. Mr. Griest's father was a merchant and he has therefore been associated with the mercantile business ever since a little boy. When the war broke out with Spain, Mr. Griest, being a member of Co. B, 5th Regiment, N. G. P., and being honorably discharged, he re-enlisted in the United States Army and with Uncle Sam's troops; he went through the severities of the Spanish-American war, and during this time was made a



**H. R. Griest**

corporal, and also enjoyed the distinction of assistant company clerk. Mr. Griest has been associated with company stores for several years, having charge of a store at Gallitzin for M. B. Courtight & Co., and also the Webster Store Co. He came to Mount Union Aug. 17, 1906, at which time he took charge of the Vulcan Trading Co., store. During his administration, the business of this organization here has been widely extended, and Mr. Griest has proven himself to be a practical merchant and an able head for the Vulcan at Mount Union. He is a member of

the Elks, and also of the Odd Fellows. He was married Nov. 23, 1904 to Miss Mae Smith of Ebensburg.

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#### **VULCAN TRADING CO.**

The Vulkan Trading Co., has been in existence in Mount Union since the fall of 1903. So far as we can learn, it was opened to business Sept. 1, 1903. Three or four managers preceded Mr. Griest in charge of this mercantile house. The Vulcan people have 8 stores in this, which is known as the northern division, the general manager for this division being W. J. Usher of Clearfield. There is also a southern division of stores, hence the Vulcan Trading Co., controls an extensive business in different parts of this country. Principally they have charge of the trade of the Harbison-Walker Brick Plants scattered throughout different parts of the United States.

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#### **B. W. REEDER**

Bruce W. Reeder, tinner and plumber, whose establishment is located on Division Street, and who is successor to H. W. Harrison, was born near Blairs Mills, Pa., June 15, 1887. He is a son of M. L. Reeder, and up until 15 years old Mr. Reeder spent his time upon the farm, the same time attended the rural schools. Mr. Reeder came to Mount Union Dec. 8, 1902, when he entered into the employ of E. H. Welker in the butcher shop. Two years were spent at this



B. W. Reeder

business, after which Mr. Reeder worked for a while in the brick works, and later, Aug. 15, 1906, entered the employ of H. W. Harrison in the tin shop. Mr. Harrison sold out to Mr. Reeder on May 10, 1909, at which time the former entered into the insurance business and the latter took exclusive charge. The subject of this sketch is a member of the Patriotic Sons and also of the Methodist church. He is kept quite busy looking after the tinning and plumbing business.

The Messrs. Harrison, starting with the father, F. H. Harrison, have been associated with the tinning business in Mount Union from a very early day. The father relinquishing the business, it finally passed over into the hands of his sons. Mr. Reeder continues then the tinning establishment, which was started by F. H. Harrison and which long flourished on Water street.

#### W. W. PETERSON

W. W. Peterson, until recently one of Mount Union's energetic butchers, was born at McAlevy's Fort, this county, Dec. 15, 1880. He resided there for some time, and also moved with his parents to Germany Valley, where they resided for several years prior to coming to Mount Union, Aug. 3, 1903. Butchering has had a fascination for Mr. Peterson, and while in this business in Mount Union he conducted it very successfully. On Nov. 25, 1909 Mr. Peterson sold out to Messrs. Jones & Briggs, who now conduct the business, the stand being located on Jefferson Street opposite the Beers Hotel. W. W. Peterson was married to Miss Sadie Whitsel in November, 1903. He is a member of the Methodist church, also one of the Sons of Veterans of Mount Union. His father's name was Jacob K. Peterson, who was a member of Co. T, 99th Regiment, Penna. Volunteers. At the present time Mr. Peterson has not taken up any occupation, but it is altogether likely



**W. W. Peterson**

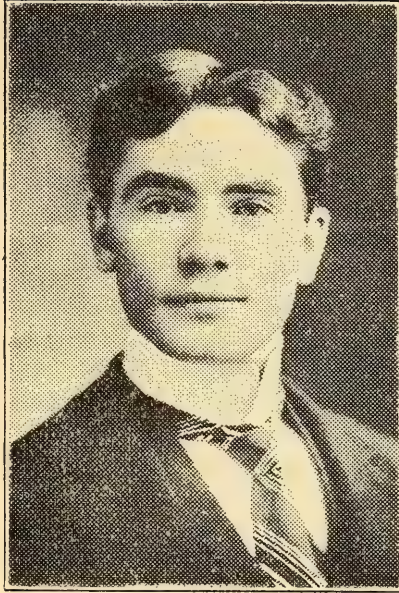
that in the near future he will enter into business either in Mount Union or elsewhere. While in our community he has won the esteem of many friends, and up to Nov. 25, 1909 controlled a large patronage.

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**C. H. HAINES**

C. H. Haines, one of Mount Union's butchers, located in the Peers Hotel block, was born in Fort Fairfield, Maine, Aug. 17, 1879. Mr. Haines is of Scotch-Irish extraction. He resided in the Pine Tree State, assisting his father, who was a farmer, until 1899, when he hailed for Middletown, Conn., being engaged in that city as an attendant in a hospital. In 1901,





C. H. Haines

Mr. Haines came to Philadelphia and hired as a motorman on the street car line. One and one-half years were spent in the Quaker City, where he also met and married Miss Prudence M. Steele in 1901. In 1903 Mr. Haines and wife went back to Maine, where he was engaged in storekeeping, and in the butchering business until 1907, in which year he hailed for McVeytown, Pa. About a year was spent in Mifflin County, and on July 23, 1908 Mr. Haines and family came to Mount Union, where he en-

tered into the butchering business, his establishment being known as the "Yankee Cash." Since in Mount Union Mr. Haines has succeeded in building up a lucrative business, locating first in the Smelker room on Division street, and at the present time in the well-fitted and conveniently located room in the Beers building. Mr. Haines is the father of 3 children, two girls and one boy. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and is also a member of the Presbyterian church.

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#### ABE STRAUSS

Abe Strauss, the senior member of the firm of Strauss & Willer, clothiers, is a native of Russia, having been born May 17, 1884 in Chicki-sock, Kovno. Mr. Strauss' father was a farmer and he followed this livelihood up until 1904, when lured by the great opportunities which America has to offer to the oriental, he came to New York, entered into the cigar-making business, where he spent one year. Leaving the Metropolis, Mr. Strauss went to Altoona, from which place he went on the road as a peddler. It was in 1906 that he came to Mount Union, and in company with his brother, Jacob Strauss, entered into the clothing business. Since that time he has been quite successful in this line and now conducts an excellent clothing store, one of the best in this portion of the county. Mr. Charles Wil-



### Abraham Strauss

ler, also a native of Russia, bought out the interest of Jacob Straus in February, 1909, and since that time has been associated with the subject of this sketch in Mount Union. Mr. Strauss has plodded his way from a poor boy to a successful business man.

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### W. P. DUNMIRE

W. P. Dunmire, undertaker, was born in McVeytown, Pa., where he resided all his life up to the time which he came to Mount Union, Mar.



W P. Dunmire

15, 1907. Mr. Dunmire received his education in the public schools of McVeytown, and upon choosing undertaking for his life work he went to Altoona, pursued a special course given by H. J. Long and Prof. Fitzhugh, after which he spent 6 months in practical work with undertakers Hickey & O'Neal of the Mountain City. Leaving Altoona, Mr. Dunmire went to Pittsburg, where he entered the school of H. J. Long, pursuing a course in embalming. The next year he entered and spent one year

in the Renouard College of Embalming in New York City. After completing his preparation, Mr. Dunmire settled in McVeytown, first, his home, on Mar. 1, 1901. When he came to Mount Union, in 1907, he located first and was associated with George R. Smawley, furniture dealer, his headquarters being in the Smawley room. At the present time Mr. Dunmire is located in the Welch building, corner of Jefferson street and Pennsylvania Avenue. He is a first class undertaker. He is known throughout the central part of the State and has an extensive business.

#### CHARLES INGWERS

Charles Ingwers, Mount Union's merchant tailor, was born in Schleiswigholstein, Germany, in 1872. When Charles was about a year old his parents emigrated to America, taking up residence in Davenport, Iowa. Mr. Ingwers is of German extraction, the son of Boi and Mary Ingwers. He naturally inherits many of the German traits and acquired a speaking knowledge of that language, notwithstanding the fact that he grew to manhood in an English speaking land. As a young man, Mr. Ingwers came east and settled in western Pennsylvania. One day he accidentally met a Mount Union man, who advised him to come to our town and start into the tailoring business, this town being in need of a tailor at that time. This Mr. Ingwers did, and landed in





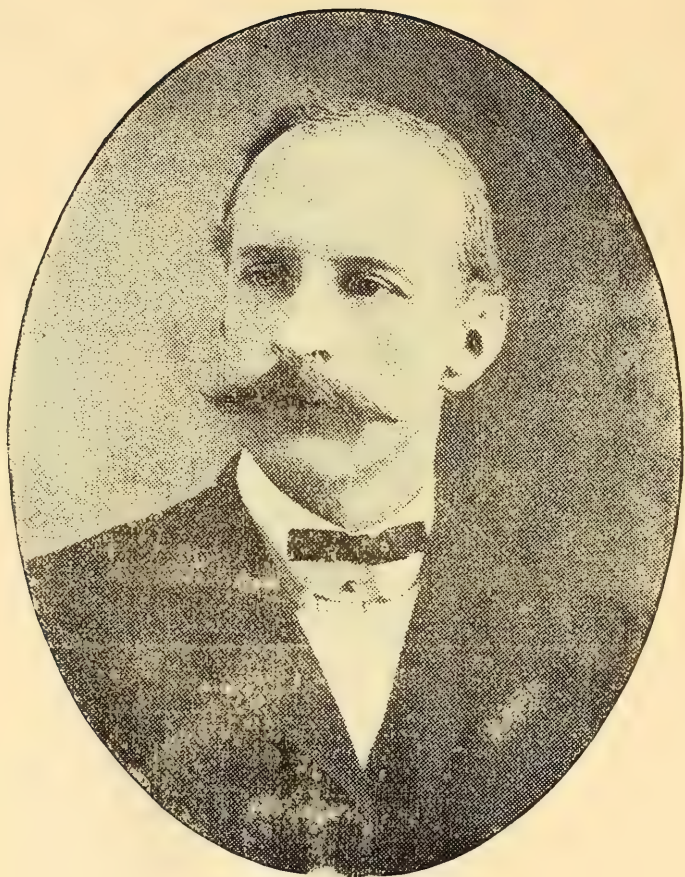
Charles Ingwers



Mount Union, May 29, 1893. He entered into business on a small scale, but his efficiency with the needle was soon noised abroad, and it was not long until business grew to a considerable extent. He married Miss Katharine Weams, and is the father of one son, Robert. Mr. Ingwers is a member of the Lutheran church, also of the Odd Fellows, and the Elks. He has recently erected a handsome two-story building on Jefferson Street divided into flats and store rooms with all modern appliances. In one of the rooms in the first story he has opened up in the past few weeks a pool room, to the conducting of which he gives a portion of his time.

#### **E. CLARK FIELDS**

E. Clark Fields, ex-burgess of Mount Union, was born in Mifflin county, Oct. 10, 1871, a son of Cyrus C., and Rebecca E. (Kauffman) Fields. His parents are natives of Mifflin county. In 1873 the Fields family moved to Mount Union, where the father engaged in business. E. Clark Fields attended the public schools of this borough up until the age of 18, and after his school days were over he entered the service of the Adams Express Co., working in offices between Mount Union and Altoona. This work was continued in 1889 and 1890. In February 1890 he abandoned the express business and became a traveling salesman for Moore & Burley of Tyrone, which



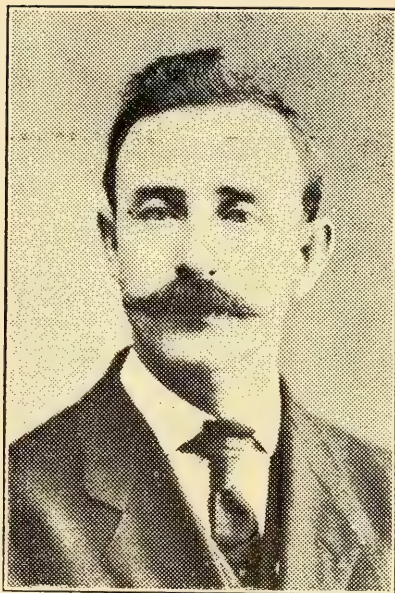
F. Clark Fields

position he held for some time. Following this, Mr. Fields engaged with his father in the butchering business in Mount Union, and after discontinuing the partnership, the father retiring, the subject of this sketch followed the same career for himself for several years. Mr. Fields was married on Jan 11, 1893 to Miss Minnie Miller, and is located on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue, and Division Street. Mr. Fields is a democrat politically, and has served several terms as burgess, also served on the Board of Health. He belongs to the Methodist church. At the present time he is one of the firm of McKelvy & Fields, Real Estate and Insurance agents, who have their office in the Crum building opposite the Beers Hotel. Mr. Fields is an enterprising citizen and their newly established partnership enjoys quite a lucrative business.

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#### S. G. CLINGER

S. G. Clinger, one of Mount Union's merchants, was born in this place, Nov. 20, 1870, a son of Andrew J., and Margaret Clinger. He spent his boyhood days in Mount Union. Two years were spent on the farm in Germany Valley, one of them with John X. Lutz and the other with Oscar Lutz. He attended the Mount Union public schools, worked on the farm for James Shaver adjoining town, and also spent 6 months in the express office assisting Castner Miller, who was agent at that time,



S. G. Clinger

Mr. Clinger then took up telegraphy, learning at Mapleton in company with H. H. Hunter. In the autumn of 1889 he started as extra operator on the Middle Division. He resigned in this division September, 1891, and went to Pittsburg, where he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad as an operator in the Union Station. In 1906 Mr. Clinger returned to Mount Union, because of ill health and entered into the mercantile business, which livelihood he continues to this day. He was married Sept.

14, 1893 to Miss Maggie Snyder, and to them have been born the following children: Fred, Sarah and Annie. S. G. Clinger is a member of the Methodist church, also of the Brotherhood, the Maccabees, the Odd Fellows and the Patriotic Sons.

Mr. Clinger since entering into the mercantile business in town has built up quite a trade, and through his originality and ingenuity store-keeping to him has been a success. He has recently builded for himself a commodious store-room, and in addition to this has erected or remodelled the homestead on the corner of Market and Division Streets—a complete home with all modern equipment. Clinger sells most evrything in the grocery line and always aims to give full returns for the money.

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#### HERMAN W. SCHMITTLE

Herman W. Schmittle, a son of Henry Schmittle of town, is a native of near Nossville, this county, having been born Aug. 22, 1883. Mr. Schmittle is one of our enterprising consorial artists. He came to Mount Union with his parents about 12 years ago, and his trade was learned with Clarence B. Roberts, who preceded him in the barbering business. On Nov. 14, 1907 Mr. Schmittle took charge, Mr. Roberts retiring, and since that date the subject of this sketch has proved to be quite an expert with the razor and has not only controlled a large patronage, but





**H. W. Schmittle**

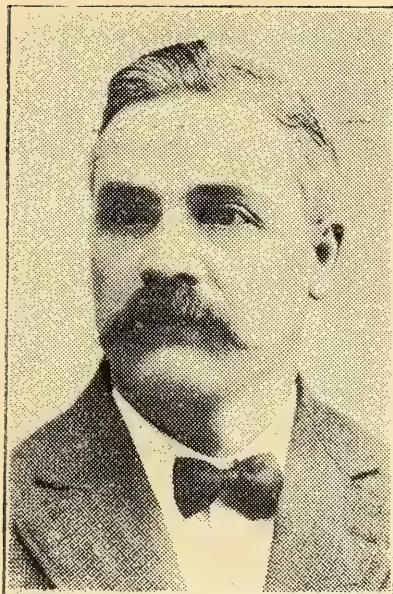
won the esteem of many people in this community, Mr. Schmittle is a member of the P. O. S. of A., also of the Methodist church.

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**H. A. WAGNER.**

H. A. Wagner, Mount Union's popular Laker, was born in Reedsville, Pa., Dec. 26, 1864. His early days were spent in his native town, he having worked in the axe works, been interested in a restaurant for two years, as well as assisted his father during his early days. Mr. Wagner moved





**H. A. Wagner**

to Coalport, Pa., in December, 1892, and entered the baking business. Eight years were spent in this capacity, after which he was in the mercantile business for four years, and subsequently in the insurance business as well as borough treasurer of Coalport. Mr. Wagner came to Mount Union in May, 1908, and located in the baking business in the bakery owned by B. C. Wharton. Since his time here he has built up an extensive trade, and his products have enjoyed a great demand. Mr.

Wagner was married to Miss Ada M. Bell, of McAlevy's Fort in 1887, and is the father of seven children: Albert, Harris, Charles, Harry, Jr., Lillian, Mary and Kathryn. While in Coalport, Mr. Wagner was for eight years superintendent of the Presbyterian Sabbath school as well as ruling elder in that congregation. Since coming to Mount Union he has been active in church work, and is the teacher of a large class in the Presbyterian Sabbath school. He is an upright citizen, a man of integrity, and is devoted toward the promulgation of every good cause which tends to the betterment of the town and its people.

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#### LADIES' FURNISHING STORE.

Mrs. H. A. Warner, in business in the Welch building, corner of Pennsylvania Ave., and Jefferson Street, conducts one of the best and most complete ladies' furnishing and millinery stores to be found in this section of the county. Mrs. Wagner was in this business prior to coming to Mount Union and understands thoroughly this line of work. Since coming to Mount Union she has built up an extensive trade, and has become known for miles around for wares that please the ladies.

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#### J. D. FLOOD & CO.

J. D. Flood & Co., furniture dealers of Mount Union, are located on Jefferson Street, near the Market St., corner. J. D. Flood and Charles T.



J D Flood

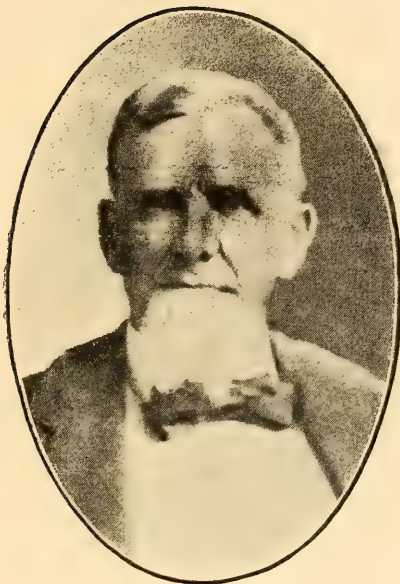
Flood are connected with this business. The Messrs. Flood were born near Nossville in the lower end of Huntingdon county, where they spent their early days. J. D. Flood, the senior member of the firm, spent some time in Virginia, in Tyrone, and later was in the furniture business in Lewistown. The Messrs. Flood came to Mount Union in the spring of 1906. J. D. Flood was married to Marie Boggs of Lewistown, and is the father of 2 children, both girls. Mr. Flood is a member of the Methodist church and a first class citizen.

Associated with the furniture establishment is another brother, T. Chalmers Flood, who is one of Mount Union's undertakers. Mr. Flood has his headquarters at the furniture store, and while not specially a part of the firm, he is still associated to some extent with the furniture business. The Messrs. Flood control quite an extensive furniture business and their store is up-to-date in every respect.

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#### CHARLES STRATFORD.

Chas. Stratford, Jr., the marble dealer of Mount Union, located in this town since 1880, was born in Lewistown, Pa., Oct. 17, 1838, being a son of Charles and Catherine (Rowe) Stratford. Mr. Stratford learned marble cutting with his father, who had followed a similar occupation, and he has followed that business ever since with much success. Mr. Stratford married Elizabeth Gray, also of Lewistown, a daughter of Joseph Gray, Oct. 10, 1859. On Monday evening, Oct. 11, 1909, Mr. and Mrs. Stratford celebrated their fiftieth anniversary at their home in this place, at which time many friends gathered to impart to them their congratulations and best wishes. After coming to Mt. Union, Mr. Stratford soon built up a large marble business and the same has continued to this day. In the past, however, he has had interests in marble establishments in Altoona, Tyrone and Lewistown, respectively. Through-



Charles Stratford

out the central part of this State the subject of this sketch is well known, not only for the marble productions, but for his benefactions to good causes and for his inflexible stand against the liquor traffic as well as his close affinity with the Methodist church of the Juniata Valley. Mr. Stratford is a member of the Odd Fellows, and also enjoys the distinction of being the oldest living member of the Henderson Fire Co., of Lewistown, as well as being its president from 1875 to 1881. When the rebellion broke out, Mr. Stratford enlisted

in the 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, but owing to sickness was not permitted to enter the service. At the present time he is a member of the Town Council.

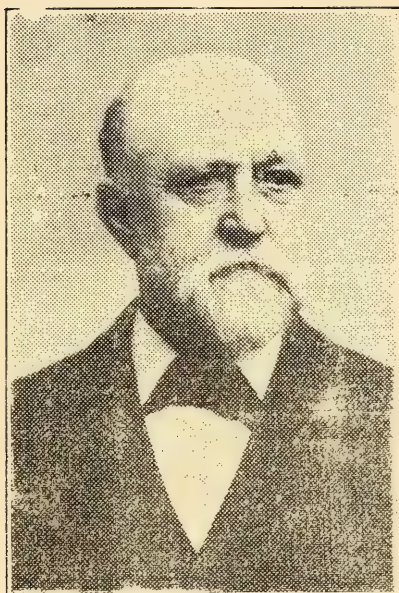
Mr. Stratford is the father of 14 children, of which number the following are living: Catherine, Mrs. McBirney, of town; Carrie, Mrs. John R. Lehman, of Warriorsmark; William, Edgar R., and Bessie, (Mrs. R. M. Kiel), all of town; Dr. Thomas F., and Miss Hallie at home. Those children deceased are: Charles R., Jane, Joseph, Mary A., Annie, (wife of R. M. Longacre), Herbert G. and Robert T.

#### B. C. WHARTON.

Benjamin Carrel Wharton, one of the general merchants of Mount Union, was born in Mifflin county, Pa., Jan. 22, 1841, a son of James and Esther (Seicrist) Wharton, both natives of that county. His grandfather, Samuel Wharton, migrated from Cumberland county to Mifflin at an early day, he having died Aug. 13, 1825. His father, James Wharton, was Justice of the Peace 15 years, an active member of the Presbyterian church. Both his father and mother were of German descent.

Mr. Wharton attended the common schools of Mifflin county until he was 21, at which time he continued with his father on the farm, sharing its labors and profits until 1883. From 1883 to 1885 he was in the mercan-





B. C. Wharton

tile business in Huntingdon. Relinquishing the latter occupation, he went back to tilling the soil, having bought a farm near Mount Union, along the Juniata River, which he cultivated for four years. It was in 1889 that Mr. Wharton came to Mt. Union, renting his farm for four years. After selling his farm in 1893, he built the present commodious residence and store combined, also the dwelling which was his former residence, now occupied by H. A. Wagner and family. Mr. Wharton has filled va-

rious township and borough offices, he having been an adherent to Republicanism all his life. In January, 1872, he was married to Marian, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Stoneroad) Isenberg. Two children died in infancy. Those surviving are James Burton, of Wilkes-Barre; Samuel Hayes, of Orbisonia; Grace E., Mrs. D. G. Welch, of Huntingdon, and Hul-dah M., at home. Mr. Wharton is a member of the Presbyterian church, having been a ruling elder for a number of years. He is also active in the Sunday school today, being the Superintendent of the Home Department. Since coming to Mount Union, Mr. Wharton has enjoyed a very good trade from a mercantile standpoint, and he aims to conduct an up-to-date store in general merchandise, etc., at all times. He is an active citizen in the community, devoted toward every good cause.

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#### DANIEL S. WHARTON.

Mr. Daniel S. Wharton, son of James and Esther Sechrist Wharton, was born at Vineyard, Mifflin county, Pa., October 11th, 1832. He spent the first twenty-one years of his life with his father on the home farm. As was the custom in those days, he learned a trade, which was that of carpenter.

In 1856 Mr. Wharton went west to Iowa, where he worked at his trade one year. In the spring of 1857 he returned to Newton Hamilton, where he worked as carpenter for one year.



D. S. Wharton

In the spring of 1858 he again went west, locating at St. Joseph, Mo., where he remained for two years, working at his trade.

In 1860 Mr. Wharton once more came east and took up the business of a photographer, which he has followed ever since. For twenty years he traveled over Mifflin and Huntingdon counties, with a photograph car, having his home and permanent headquarters in Newton Hamilton.

In 1883 Mr. Wharton moved his family to Mt. Union and built for him-

self a comfortable home and photograph gallery in which to carry on his business. Along with his photograph business he has also carried on the jewelry business for a number of years, he being for a long time the only jeweler and photographer in our town.

In 1862 Mr. Wharton was married to Rachel Garver, daughter of John and Sarah Garver of Germany Valley, and to this union two children were born, both living, Mrs. John S. Nolte of Altoona, and Mrs. Chas. I. Fuller of Mt. Union.

Mr. Wharton has served his town as councilman and takes active interest in anything that will be of benefit to the community. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church in which they take much interest, he being a very regular attendant on the Sabbath school of which he has been librarian for many years. D. S. Wharton is a brother of B. C. Wharton, also of Mt. Union.

During his years of active photographic work, Mr. Wharton made and sent his pictures far and wide. In connection with this work as well as the jewelry business, he has become popularly known throughout the central part of this State.

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#### W. A. BOYD.

W. A. Boyd, the well-known tonorial artist, located in the handsome room in the Beers building, fronting on Shirley street, was born in Curwensville, Pa., Feb. 8, 1872. Mr.



W. A. Boyd

Boyd lost his father in childhood and, left an orphan, he attended the Soldiers' Orphans' School at McAlisterville, from the age of 12 to the age of 16. Up until 10 years of age he spent his life in his native town, after which he resided with his mother for two years in DuBois. Coming out of school at the age of 17, Mr. Boyd entered the barbering business in DuBois, where he learned the trade, all told, he having spent seven years in that town. After the age of 21 Mr. Boyd's whereabouts were somewhat varied, he having located

in the following towns: Ridgway, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cumberland, Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, Big Run, Punxsutawney, Penfield, Madiera and Boston. He came from the "Hub" to Mount Union on Aug. 12, 1909. Mr. Boyd was married to Miss Viola Hamilton of Penfield, Pa., Dec. 13, 1893, and is the father of two children, Geraldine and Almeda.

Mr. Boyd has one of the finest barber shops to be found in this county. All modern apparatus has been installed, using electricity wherever possible to facilitate the shave, massage and shampoo. Mr. Boyd has been in the barbering business for a number of years, and is, therefore, because of his broad experience an expert. He has three chairs and his room is cosy, comfortable, well lighted, commodious and well ventilated. Mr. Foyd is a member of the P. O. S. of A. and of the Red Men.

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#### DR. J. C. STEVER.

Dr. J. C. Stever, located on Pennsylvania Ave., Mount Union, is a native of Cassville, this county. Left an orphan when two years old by the death of his father, the family consisted of a mother and two boys, one being 2 years older than the Doctor. The other brother resides on the homestead, now in the hands of the third generation of Stevers. When 8 years old, the Doctor's mother was re-married, and up until the age of 15 the Doctor remained at home and





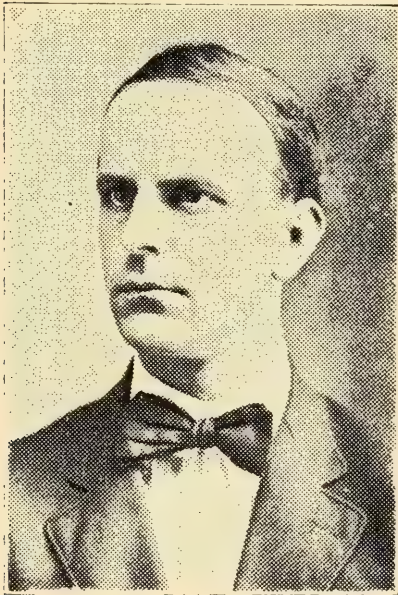
**Dr. J. C. Stever**

gained what knowledge he could from the common schools during the winter months. Dr. Stever has had to "paddle his own canoe" since in his teens, and the success that he has reached in the medical profession has been due to his perseverance, determination and conscientiousness. Having reached his majority, Dr. J. F. Thompson, then a resident of Cassville, (now of Liverpool, Pa.) induced him to study medicine, and with the money due him from his father's estate at that time, he entered the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia,

pursued a course of instruction and was graduated from that institution with success. After graduation, Dr. Stever located in Three Springs, in the year 1878, and he remained there in active practice for twenty years. It was there that he met and married Miss Sibbie Baird, matrimony having marked his first year in that place. At the end of a score of years up the Broad Top, the Doctor spent some time in Huntingdon and later moved to Rossiter, Pa., a coal mining town which was then enjoying a population of 3000. Being the only physician in the place Dr. Stever enjoyed the greatest prosperity and after a few years of the strenuous life, he came to Mount Union in 1905, built himself a fine modern residence on Pennsylvania Avenue at a cost of \$5,000, wherein he is located today. During the winter of 1905-06 Dr. Stever took a post-graduate course at the Philadelphia Polyclinic Hospital for graduates in medicine, and in connection with this at the Will Eye Hospital, where he made a specialty of the ear, eye, nose and throat, receiving a diploma. By the application of scientific principles in his eye work, he is able to guarantee every pair of glasses which he prescribes. His offices are well equipped and up-to-date, and his charges are reasonable. Dr. Stever will make Mount Union his permanent home, and at the present time he is enjoying a large and successful practice, extending many

miles from Mount Union. Dr. Stever is an active worker in the Baptist church of this place, and has been an earnest Christian man ever since he united with the Baptist faith.

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**NORRIS E. HOOVER.**

Norris Elmer Hoover was born in Hustontown, Fulton county, Pa. His early education was received in the public schools, where he completed his course later in a local normal school. Mr. Hoover taught one term in Taylor township, Fulton county, after which he took and completed a commercial course at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N.

Y., and in his graduation he received the first honors of his class in December, 1905. On March 14, 1906, Mr. Hoover came to Mount Union and entered the employ of the Juniata Oak Extract Co., as bookkeeper. This position he has occupied up to the present time with much acceptance and credit, and since the purchase of the tannery by the Messrs. Greene and the formation of the Mount Union Tanning Co. in April, 1908, Mr. Hoover has been bookkeeper at the tannery also. Mr. Hoover is a member of the firm of Hoover & Bollinger, who own and operate the Star Moving Picture Theatre in this place and also the Moving Picture Theatre at Williamsburg. He has been a member of Camp No. 554, P. O. S. of A. since the age of 16.

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#### **T. FRANK BOLLINGER.**

T. Frank Bollinger, of the firm of Hoover & Bollinger, managers of the Star Theatre in this place and also managers of a similar place of amusement in Williamsburg, Pa., is a native of Shade Valley. Mr. Bollinger spent the early part of his life in that section of this county assisting his father, who at that time operated the saw mill. He came to Mount Union several years ago, worked for a while for the Eyre-Shoemaker Construction Co., and later entered Crum's store. Until about two weeks ago he was an efficient clerk in the clothing store of



**T. Frank Bollinger**

C. B. Crum & Son, Mount Union. In this occupation Mr. Bollinger learned to know many people and won the esteem of many friends in this community. Last July, in company with N. E. Hoover, he purchased the nickelodeon, and since that time they have conducted the business here at the Star Theatre on Shirley street, with very successful results. On December 1, 1909, they bought a similar establishment in Williamsburg and since that date Mr. Bollinger has been in charge at that place.

### H. S. SMELKER

H. S. Smelker is one of the oldest merchants in Mount Union. He was born in Shirleysburg on Dec. 23, 1839, a son of Thomas and Mary Smelker, deceased. After residing in Shirleysburg Borough for several years, Mr. Smelker, then a young lad, moved with his parents to Germany Valley, where he worked on the farm until the age of 25. At that age he was married to Miss Rebecca Spanagle, and came to Mount Union, here taking up residence on Water Street, in the house now occupied by William Jamison, erected by Mrs. Jane Morrison. Mr. Smelker was engaged in the butchering business for 2 years, after which he took Horace Greeley's advice and went West, settling about 40 miles southwest of St. Louis. With his family he remained in the West until 1868 when on account of ill health, he returned to Pennsylvania and entered into the mercantile business in McVeytown. From McVeytown, Mr. Smelker moved to Hill Valley, where he started into business on a small scale. It was not long, however, until by close application to duty and diligent effort he had accrued considerable resources, and in the year 1889, the year of the great Johnstown disaster, he came to Mount Union and succeeded David E. Shaver in the mercantile business on the corner of Shirley and Division Streets.





H. S. Smelker

On his mother's side Mr. Smelker is of Quaker descent. He is one of the family of 12 children, 6 boys and 6 girls.

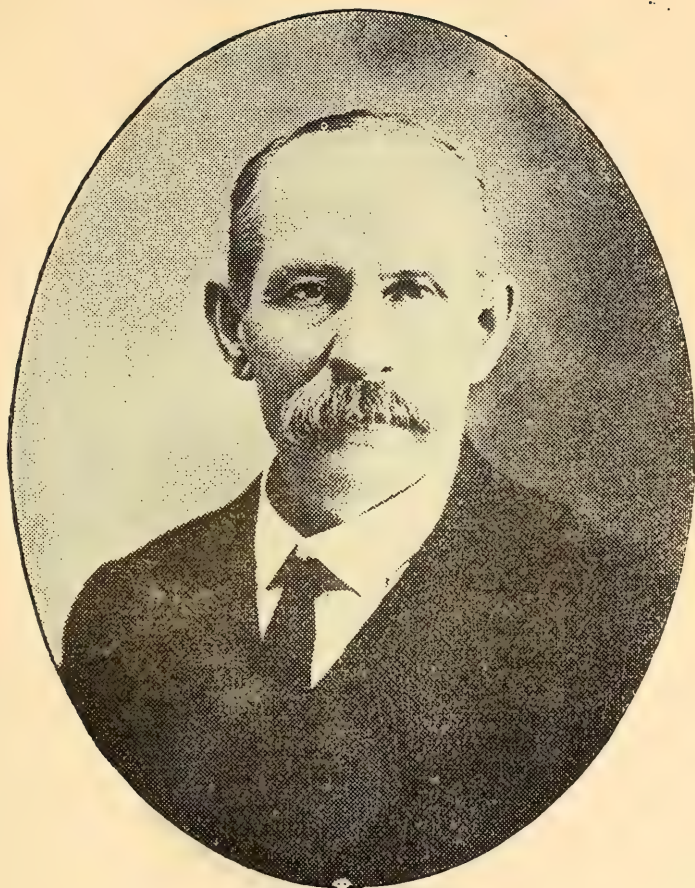
He has been an active citizen in this community, has served as burgess, and has been interested always in the building up of the town. He is an active member of the Baptist church today.

The stand occupied by Mr. Smelker is one of the oldest buildings in the town, having been erected by John Lukens, deceased, father of Geo. W. Lukens of town, in 1871, John Lukens first started in the mercantile business here, who was succeeded by his son, Geo. W. Lukens, who was later succeeded by D. E. Shaver in 1884, and Shaver sold to Mr. Smelker in 1889. Mr. Smelker is the father of three children: Mrs. Ada Glover of Pueblo, Col., Mrs. Frank DeFrehn of Johnstown, and Miss Eva at home.

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#### HARVEY BENNETT

Harvey Bennett is a native of Belleville, Mifflin County, having been born Mar. 12, 1850. His boyhood days were spent in his native town, when most of his time was devoted to the assistance of his father, Seneca Bennett, who was a shoe manufacturer and dealer. On July 24, 1871 Mr. Bennett came to Mount Union and learned his trade as a shoemaker with Michael Hiney. On Jan. 14, 1865 Mr. Bennett was joined in marriage to Miss Retta Dean, and most



Harvey Bennett

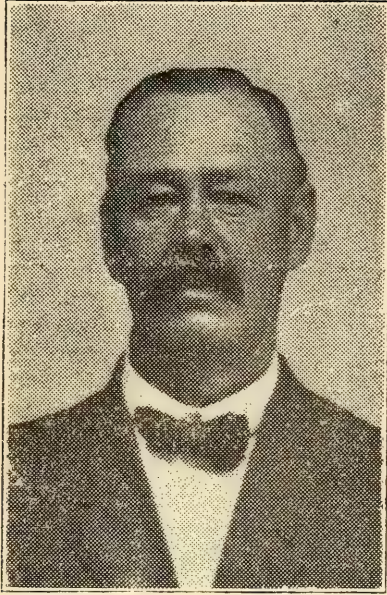
of his time since his marriage he and his family have resided in Mount Union. Mr. Bennett is the father of the following children: Mrs. Howard Stewart, of Tyrone, Mrs. John Robley of Mount Union; Mrs. George Foreman of town; Mrs. Marshall Showalter of Huntingdon; Miss Res-sie and Master Frank at home. By trade Mr. Bennett is a practical shoemaker, being a skilled workman along his line. He also conducts a first class and up-to-date shoe store on Pennsylvania Avenue, he being agent for the famous Walk-over shoe known throughout the country. Mr. Bennett has served in the capacity of constable as well as school director in this borough, and at the present time is a member of the Town Council. He is an enterprising citizen in the community.

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#### C. B. CRUM

C. B. Crum is one of Mount Union's most energetic business men and conducts one of the largest stores of general merchandise, clothing, etc., in this section of the county. He is a native of Adams county, this State, having been born Jan. 15, 1860. Mr. Crum has a vivid recollection of the Battle of Gettysburg, having been fought when he was 3 years old. At the close of the war in 1865, the family moved to Millerstown, Pa., where Mr. Crum spent 15 years, this being his home, notwithstanding the fact that he was an agent on the road





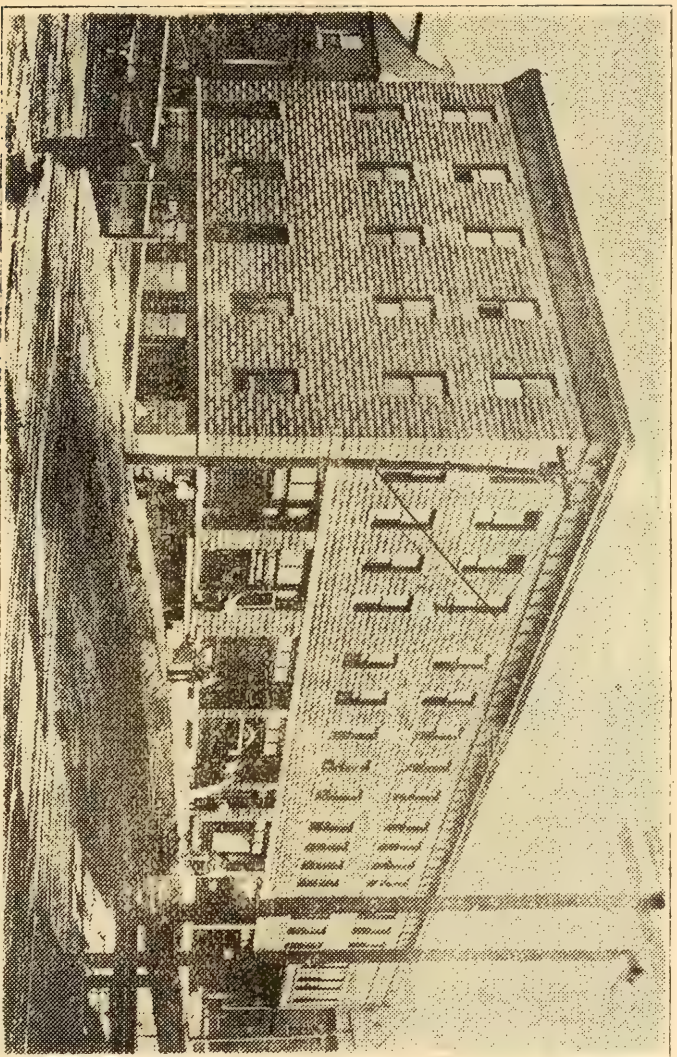
**C. B. Crum**

selling general merchandise, etc., a good portion of this time. Moving to Saltillo in 1882, he entered into business there. At that place he established a large store and enjoyed an extensive trade, not only in Saltillo, but for quite a distance in all directions from that place. He came to Mount Union in 1903, making this his residence at that time. In 1900, however, Mr. Crum had built a store here and was enjoying an extensive business, by the time he made this his permanent home. The Mount

Union interests occupying his time principally, he sold out five years ago his Saltillo store and since that time has been extending his business at this point. He was married to Miss Jennie Wagner of Three Springs in 1882, and is the father of 7 children, 2 of whom are dead. The surviving ones are: Lawrence, in the clothing business at this place; Blaine, the proprietor of Crum's Modern Restaurant; Russell, William, Robert, Mary (Mrs. Bates Bell) of Oriskania, and Hattie at home. Mr. Crum is superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School and has been actively associated with the Baptist church, and during the establishment of that congregation in Mount Union. He has occupied various local offices in our town as well as in Saltillo prior to his coming here.

Mr. Crum's business interests cover quite a range, he having erected a three-story building that extends from the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Jefferson street to the alley, a distance of 150 feet. He carries a large line of groceries, notions, clothing, shoes, in fact most everything that you may want to buy. He has been interested largely in real estate and owns a number of the dwelling houses in Mount Union today. Mr. Crum is an active citizen in the community and a practical business man.





The Crum Block

### **CRUM'S MODERN RESTAURANT**

Crum's Modern Restaurant is located in the Crum block on Jefferson street and is superintended by Mr. Blaine Crum, who makes an efficient manager for this new, up-to-date and commodious lunch room. The restaurant was open to the public a few months ago, and in its establishment it fulfills a necessity long experienced in Mount Union. It is up-to-date in every respect and the manager aims to keep it so, thus guaranteeing the patronage of the people of this community as well as many comers and goers to and from the town.

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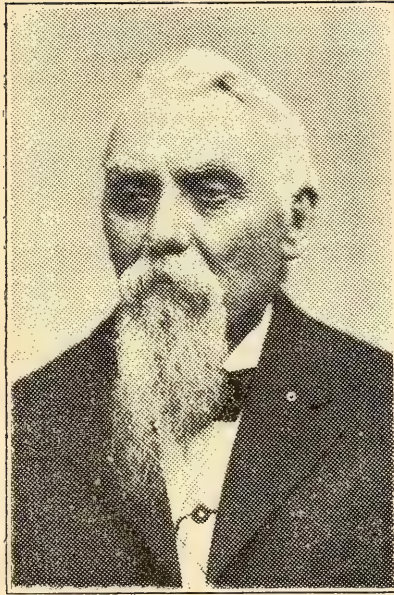
### **C. B. CRUM & SON.**

C. B. Crum & Son, clothiers, are located also in the Crum block. The son is Mr. Lawrence Crum, who is associated with his father in this line of business. A fine line of men's clothing and outfittings as well as shoes is kept in stock all the time. Mr. Lawrence Crum is a skillful business man and since taking hold of this portion of the Crum mercantile interests he has made it quite a success.

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### **DR. W. A. HUNTER**

Dr. W. A. Hunter is one of the oldest men in Mount Union as well as one of the oldest residents in this community. Born in Ireland, the Doctor came here with the family when he was small. Landing in America, the Hunters first located in Upper Strausburg, Franklin county. The



**Dr. W. A. Hunter**

reason for this choice of location was probably due to the fact that an uncle of the Doctor's on his father's side, Dr. John Hunter, a noted physician and surgeon and a graduate of the University of Glasgow, Scotland, had come here in 1812 and located in that town. Dr. Hunter's father died before he emigrated to America, and he was practically, being the youngest of 5 boys, under the care of his older brother during his early days. Dr. Hunter attended the public school at Straussburg, later the academy at Fayetteville, Franklin county, and fol-

lowing this taught for several years. He attended also the Martinsburg (Blair county) Seminary and later was assistant principal. His education was completed at Millwood Academy at Shade Gap, famous in its day. Dr. Hunter was principal of the Cassville Seminary for 2 years and was later principal at the academy at Shade Gap for 2 years also. He lived a year in Shirleysburg, where he taught at the academy. Dr. Hunter and wife came to Mount Union in 1867 and moved into what was then known as the cottage, now the residence of I. N. Taylor remodeled. They soon, however, bought the property on the corner across the street, their present residence, from Dr. Mackey. Dr. Hunter, his brother being a physician and his uncle being also a noted Doctor in his day, was associated with drugs and medicines all through his early life, and in addition to his education he had acquired a considerable knowledge along medical lines. This acquirement made it possible for him to buy out the only drug store in Mount Union at his coming, then in the room formerly occupied by E. M. Rhodes, now the grocery of C. P. McClure on Water Street. Dr. Hunter kept his drug store there until the town developed westward, and then it was that he built the present room adjoining his home on Shirley Street about 1885.

There have been a number of Dr. Hunters who have resided in and

near this section of the State in the past. Dr. John Hunter, mentioned previously, who came here in 1812 and settled in Strausburg, was the grandfather of Mrs. Dr. C. A. R. McClain of Mount Union, and Dr. John Hunter of Lewistown and Dr. Wm. Hunter of Reedsville and Dr. Robert Hunter of Saxton.

Mrs. McClain's father was also Dr. R. I. Hunter, an eminent physician of Wells Valley, Fulton county, in his day.

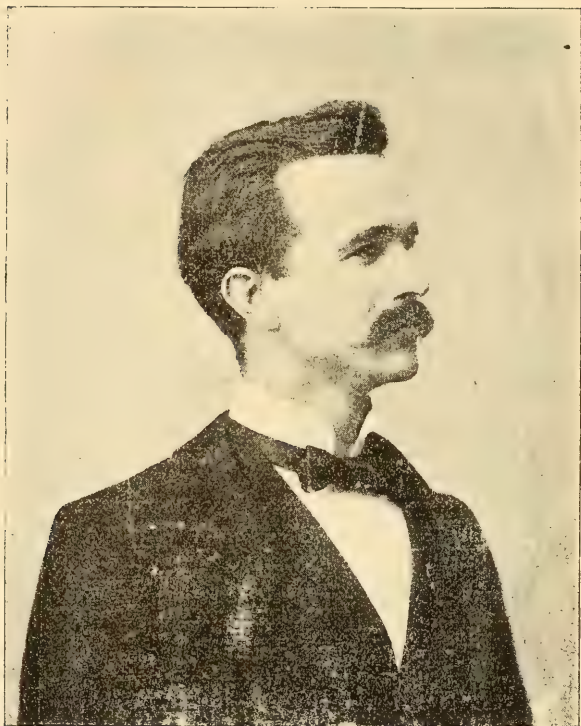
Dr. W. A. Hunter has been on the Council in the past, served also as school director for 6 years, has been a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church since 1873, and has been a teacher in the Sunday school practically ever since he came to Mount Union. He was married in November 1865 to Miss Nettie Hampson, and to them have been born 3 children, one deceased. The 2 surviving are Harry H. of McKee's Rocks and Mrs. F. L. Pratt of Boston. Dr. Hunter keeps the "old reliable" drug store, and has in years past and even to this day enjoyed a good trade among his many patrons. Mrs. Hunter in years past has been one of Mount Union's energetic milliners, her name being known far and wide in this capacity. In late years she has relinquished the millinery business,

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#### R. M. LONGACRE

R. M. Longacre, one of Mount Union's prominent merchants, was





R. M. Longacre



Born in Millerstown, Pa., March 26, 1869, son of Peter and Margaret Longacre, deceased. He was about 3 years old when his parents moved to Mount Union. R. M. Longacre spent his boyhood days in this town and remained here until about 17 years old, at which time he accepted a clerkship in the store of R. M. Kinsloe & Son at Newton Hamilton. 2 years were spent in the employ of the Kinsloe's, after which Mr. Longacre took Greeley's advice and went west, leaving here in the spring of 1889. His destination was Denver, Col., where he accepted a position in a large department store. In 1890 he made another adventure, this time in the northwest, landing in Portland, Ore. There he was city collector for the firm of J. Dewing & Co. After spending 2 years in the Metropolis of the northwest, Mr. Longacre returned to Pennsylvania, landing here in 1892. He was here but a short time until he bought an interest in the store of Alfred Etnier. (September 1892.) In 1896 Mr. Etnier retired, selling out to R. J. Faust, and the firm continued as Faust & Longacre until 1899 when Mr. Longacre bought Mr. Faust's interests. Since that time he has been carrying on the business himself, enjoying a very prosperous career. In addition to his mercantile business, he has been interested in handling ties, also in the lumber business, his lumber interests being located in Hill Valley. He is

a practical merchant, and located on the corner of Shirley and Division Streets anticipates the erection of a fine building there sometime in the future. He was first married to Miss Annie Stratford, deceased, and later married to Miss Matilda Faust, daughter of R. J. Faust of town. R. M. Longacre is a member of the Odd Fellows, also of the Knights of Pythias, being Past Chancellor in that lodge. He has held several prominent borough offices, at present being President of the School Board. He is a member of the Methodist church. He is the father of 2 children: Edward and Richard.

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#### THE LONGACRE STORE

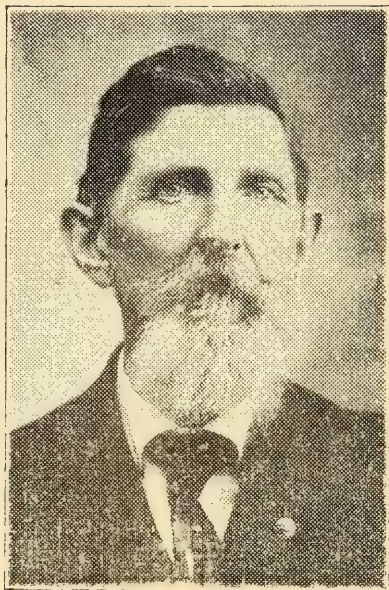
The stand occupied by R. M. Longacre is one of the oldest buildings in Mount Union. This site, and in fact a portion of the store room, was primarily a carpenter shop of John S. Shaver. Mr. Shaver remodeled it somewhat and rented to Mr. Brindle for a cooper shop. It was later rented by Mr. Shaver to a family for a dwelling house. An addition was placed to the building and "Cheap John" or Benjamin Wolff started here in business. As successors to "Cheap John," A. G. Ewing & Son kept store here for some time, prior to moving to the present Ewing store across the street. S. M. Stryker of Petersburg was successor to Ewing in the Shaver room, following which Frank Greenawalt conducted a store

for several years. At the expiration of Mr. Greenawald's mercantile interests here, the room was vacant for some time, during which interval it was sold to A. S. Welch. Alfred Etnier of Lewistown moved to Mount Union and there started business. Mr. Etnier as has been stated above, later sold to R. M. Longacre and still later to Mr. Faust. Faust & Longacre conducted the business as has been previously stated until 1899, when Mr. Longacre took entire charge. Mr. Longacre purchased this building from A. S. Welch on Jan. 11, 1905.

#### JOHN J. ROSENSTEEL

John J. Rosensteel was born in Waynesboro, Pa., Feb. 14, 1845. He moved to Illinois when a small boy, going most of the way by boat. In 1852, the family returned to Pennsylvania, his mother, sister and brother dying on the way from the West. At the age of 17 Mr. Rosensteel enlisted in the troops of Uncle Sam, and being honorably discharged re-enlisted in 1865. He served faithfully his country in the rebellion. He resided at Mapleton prior to coming to Mount Union in 1870. Mr. Rosensteel was married in 1871 to Rosanna E. Kough, now deceased. He is the father of 4 children: Albert, Harry, John and Mrs. George Myers, all of town. Mr. Rosensteel belongs to the G. A. R. and also the Red Men.

Mr. Rosensteel worked for 45 years in the tannery at this place, and it



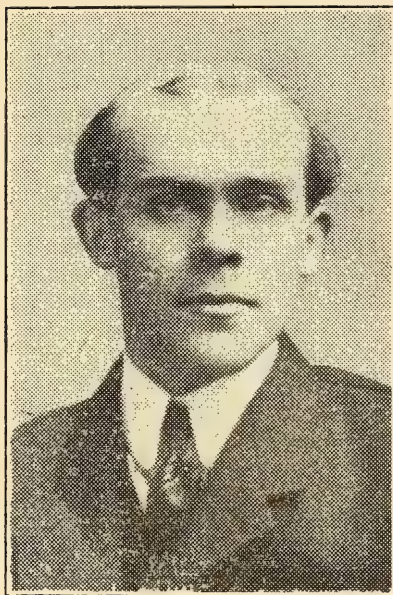
**J. J. Rosensteel**

has only been in recent years that he has entered the mercantile business, his line being confections, cigars, tobacco, etc. He is located on Jefferson Street, opposite the Beers Hotel. He has been a hard working man in his days. He is an upright citizen in this community.

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**D. G. WELCH.**

Corsey G. Welch, now of Huntingdon, was born in Germany Valley, December 14, 1875. While not particularly one of our business men at



D. G. Welch

the present time, Mr. Welch's business interests extend largely into this section of the county, he being connected with the Prudential Life Insurance Company. His childhood days were spent upon the farm in Germany Valley, where he also attended the country schools. With his mother and 2 other brothers he moved to Mount Union in the spring of 1886, where he grew into manhood, worked for several years for his brother, A. S. Welch, also attended the public schools. Leaving Mount

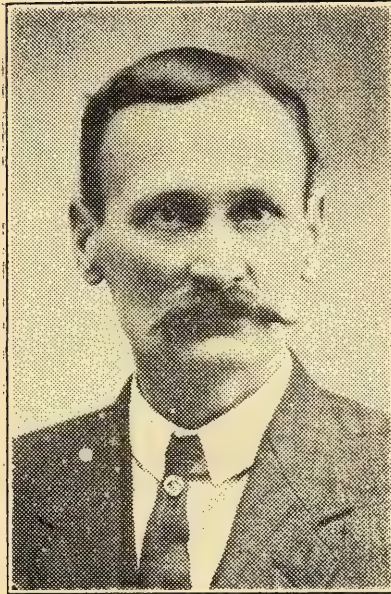
Union, Mr. Welch was engaged on the street car line in Altoona for some time as motorman also at the Steel Plant in Homestead. He was in business in Mount Union for a number of years, first in the confectionery business, later in the clothing and gents' furnishing business and still later as a partner with B. F. Rinker in the butchering business. He was married to Miss Grace Wharton on November 30, 1905, and is the father of one daughter, Marian. Mr. Welch is an energetic business man, and has made a success for his various business undertakings thus far. Connected with the Prudential, his insurance business extends into this section as well as into the Southern and Western portions of the county. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, also of the Odd Fellows.

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#### B. C. AWKERMANN

B. C. Awkerman, one of Mount Union's jewelers, watch-makers and opticians, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, Dec. 4, 1865. Up until about 18 years of age he spent his time in the Buckeye State. It was after that, that he went to Pensacola, Florida, later to Carthage, Mo., and still later to Silver City, New Mexico. At these three places Mr. Awkerman followed various lines of occupation, for some time being in the cattle business. From the West he came to Pennsylvania and located in Ful-





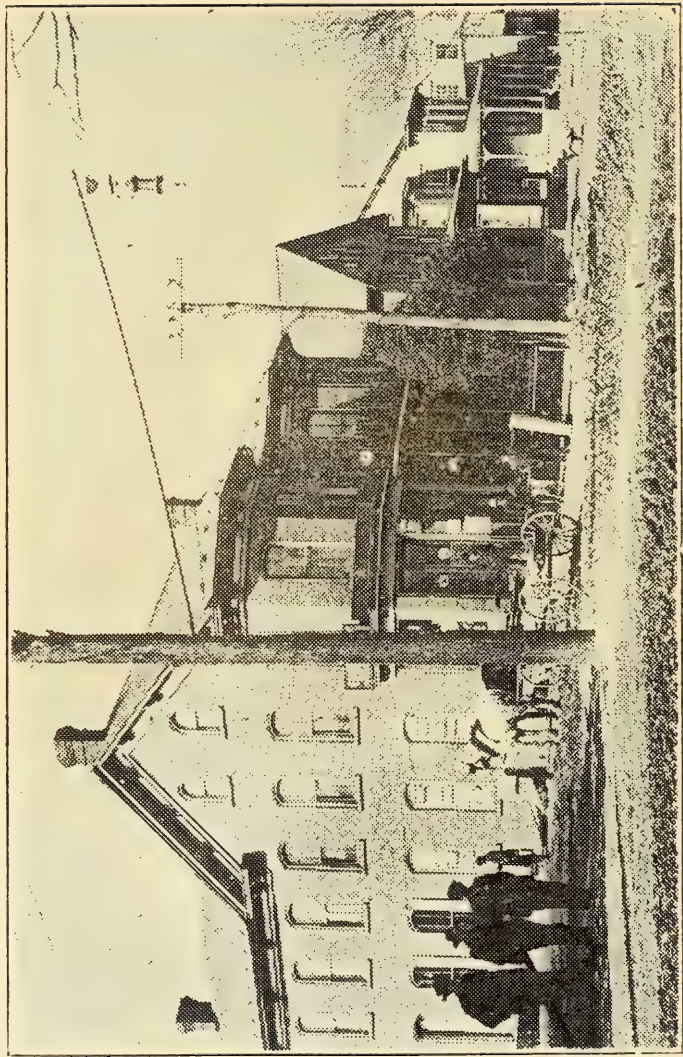
### B. C. Awkerman

ton county, where he was married in 1888 to Miss Jennie Gracey, now deceased. Mr. Awkerman came to Mount Union in 1903 and has been in business here since that time. He is an expert watchmaker, having been in this line of business for a number of years, even prior to coming to Mount Union.

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### H. W. MAXWELL

H. Wilson Maxwell, one of Mount Union's active hardware men, owner and proprietor of the Maxwell Hardware store in the "centre of town,"



The Maxwell Hardware Store—"In the Centre of Town"

was born at New Germantown, Perry county, Pa., Jan. 15, 1847, son of Andrew and Hannah (Kelly) Maxwell. Henry Maxwell, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Lancaster and one of the early settlers of Cumberland county, having bought land and started the settlement of the town now known as Mechanicsburg. Henry Maxwell afterwards moved from that point and commenced the settlement of Newville, where he died. Andrew Maxwell, father of H. Wilson Maxwell, was born in Cumberland county and was a tanner for about 15 years. He then relinquished that business and started farming. Since 1844 he resided in Perry county, until his death.

H. Wilson Maxwell attended the common schools until he was 17 years old, and then he began as an apprentice in the tanning business, which occupation he continued for about 4 years in that county, and for over 20 years in Mount Union, a portion of the time being foreman. In 1886 Mr. Maxwell embarked in the hardware business in Mount Union in the stand previously occupied and erected by Frank D. Stevens, now of Pasadena, Cal. This business he has carried on since that date with remarkable success, he having been assisted at intervals and in late years by his son Woodburn, who is an active man in the mercantile business. Mr. Maxwell is a member of the Maccabees, is a Republican, and has ser-

ved in the past upon the Borough Council. He was married April 8, 1875 to Rosetta Wicks, to whom 2 sons have been born: Woodburn and Paul. Mr. Maxwell aims to carry at all times a full line of shelf and heavy hardware to meet the demands of his many patrons in this community. It is an old stand on the corner of Shirley and Jefferson Streets, and it is truly "in the centre of town."

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#### J. T. McILROY

J T. McIlroy, proprietor of the restaurant near the East Broad Top depot, is a native of Huntingdon, having been born Sept. 14, 1872. He spent his boyhood days in that town, graduated also at the Juniata Business College in the meantime. Having a scholarship, he attended the Palms Business College in Philadelphia, and also Philadelphia Shorthand University. Finishing his business and stenographic education, he entered journalistic work, his line being particularly writing up business men and their interests for publication. This course of work was pursued by Mr. McIlroy throughout the Middle and Western states, even to the California Coast. He was a soldier in the Spanish-American War, and came to Mount Union in 1905. Remaining a short time, he went from here to North Dakota,, where he had charge of a large brick plant. His mother's death necessitated his coming East again, and in 1908 he returned to Mount Union and purchased the pres-



### **J. T. McIlroy**

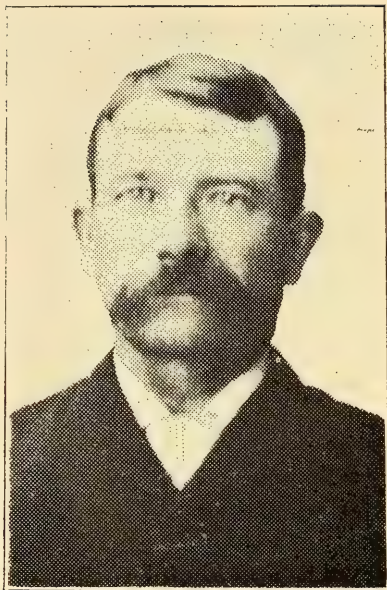
ent stand from George Radle. Mr. McIlroy was married to Mabel Gutshall of Millersburg, Pa., He keeps an up-to-date and first class restaurant.

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### **B. F. RINKER**

B. F. Rinker, who has been in the butchering business in Mount Union for several years, was born near Entriiken, this county, Mar. 26, 1851. When 1 year old the family moved to Cromwell township, locating near Grbisonia. In this vicinity Mr. Rink-





**B. F. Rinker**

er spent the early part of his life, he having moved to Orbisonia in 1872. He worked for a number of years in the mines while his residence was in Orbisonia, and for 4 years was in the butchering business in that town. He came to Mount Union in 1898. Mr. Rinker upon coming here bought out W. T. Sheaffer and entered into the butchering business. The firm was then known as Rinker & Co. Later Enoch Madden became a partner and the firm was known as Rinker & Madden. Mr. Madden resigned Aug. 1, 1906, when Mr. Rinker again con-

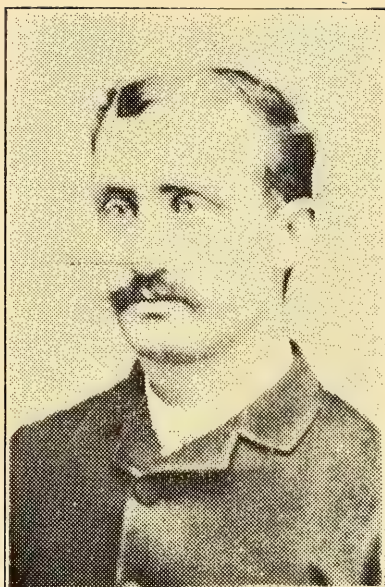


tinued the business himself for a short time. D. G. Welch, now of Huntingdon, was a partner with Mr. Rinker in the meat business for several years. Mr. Welch having relinquished this occupation about a year ago, Mr. Rinker has since continued, himself, with much success, he being located in the McCarthy room on Shirley Street. Mr. Rinker is a member of the Methodist church, also of the Odd Fellows. He was married first to Miss Wealthy Madden, Aug. 3, 1876, and his first wife dying in 1889, he was married a second time to Samantha E. Madden on June 24, 1890. He is the father of 8 children, 2 of whom are dead. Mr. Rinker runs an up-to-date meat market, and is an expert with the knife and cleaver.

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#### JOSEPH E. GILLAM

Joseph E. Gillam, the "ice man," was born near Granville, Mifflin county. He had the misfortune of being an orphan at an early age, his mother having died and his father having later expired in the army, his death being due to wounds received in the Battle of Cold Harbor. With little hopes for the future, it seems that Mr. Gillam, when a little boy, was going to have a very difficult life, due to his orphanage and to the fact that there was no one to care for him, but it happened that provision was made that he was sent to school. Being a soldier's orphan, he attended the institution at Andersonburg,



**J. E. Gillam**

Perry county. He attended school until 16 years old, after which time he was able to fight his way through in the world. The school was practically his home during his boyhood days.

Mr. Gillam, after leaving school, worked on the farm for several years and also was engaged as a clerk in a store, he being employed at different places from Newton Hamilton to Altoona. Mount Union became his permanent home in 1886, in which year he was married to Miss Ella Longacre. He is the father of 5.

children: Roy, Ethel, George, Paul, deceased, and the baby. Mr. Gillam has followed painting and paper-hanging principally during his residence in Mount Union and this is yet his livelihood to a great extent. The ice business engages his attention particularly during the summer months, at that time there being a carload or 25 tons of ice handled weekly. During the winter, early spring and late fall the ice business is of little consequence, and Mr. Gillam resorts to his other trade at which he has become an expert.

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#### JAMES M. JOHNSON

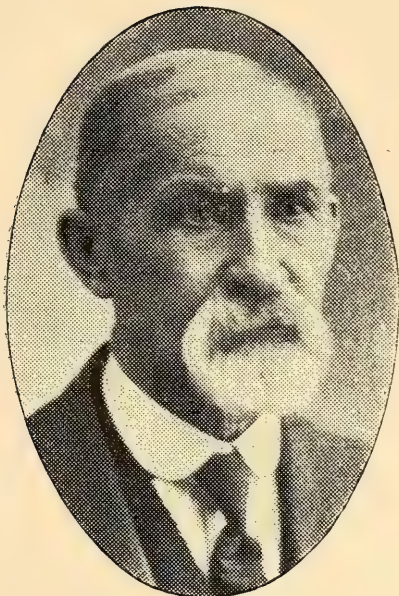
James M. Johnson, our oldest blacksmith, was born near Burnt Cabins, Sept. 4, 1849. He learned his trade early in life and followed blacksmithing even prior to coming to Mount Union in 1869. Before moving into the town proper, he was located at Lucy Furnace, where he resided for several years. It was at Lucy Furnace that he married Miss Missouri Chilcote. Coming into the town proper, Mr. Johnson worked in the blacksmith shop of Jacob Flasher, one of our pioneer blacksmiths, now a resident of Shelby, Ohio. Mr. Johnson later bought, built and moved across the street to his present location. His home is one of the oldest houses in Mount Union, having been built by Mr. McNalles many years ago. Mr. Johnson is an expert blacksmith, and has also been a member of the

National Guards for a number of years. He is the father of three sons Robert O., Wesley and Arthur, all of town, and all mechanics like their father.

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#### FRANK H. HARRISON

Frank H. Harrison is one of the oldest residents in Mount Union, he being Notary Public of this place for a number of years. He was born in Shirleysburg, Dec. 1, 1837. His father's name was Maze S. Harrison and his mother's name was Olive Harrison. He was one of a family of 7 children, namely: William J., killed near what was known as the "Burnside Stick in the Mud," Frank H., the subject of this sketch; Andrew S., residing in Altoona; Nettie residing in Concord, Franklin county; Mary J. Miller of Harrisburg; Mrs. George Bowmaa, who died in Milesburg, Centre county; Elizabeth J. Miller, residing in Missoula, Mont. Mr. Harrison's father was a tin smith by trade and all his sons practically were tinsmiths, as the saying goes, "having been born with a tin-spoon in their mouths." The subject of this sketch, after leaving the trade with his father, relinquished that occupation and learned carriage-making with William Drake of Shirleysburg, which occupation he followed for several years. Mr. Harrison then studied medicine and practiced for six months with Dr. B. D. F. Baird of Three Springs. Dr. Baird



**F. H. Harrison**

died during this time, and Mr. Harrison, not having sufficient means to attend lectures, relinquished medicine and moved to Mount Union in 1862 and embarked in the tin and stove business on Water Street. Mr. Harrison followed this occupation until July 1, 1887, at which time he embarked in the insurance and real estate business with W. T. Bell, cashier of the Central Banking Co., the firm being known as Bell & Harrison. This firm still exists and Mr. Harrison today as a partner enjoys an extensive business along this line. He has held during his time in Mount

Union many important local offices: Has been Notary Public here for 30 years, has been treasurer of the Mount Union Lodge 677 I. O. O. F. for 32 years, was Secretary of the School-Board for 7 years, was collector and treasurer of the Presbyterian church for 7 years, was commissioner in Bankruptcy for the Western District of Pennsylvania appointed by the United States Circuit Court of Philadelphia, was elected a delegate to the Republican County Convention 22 times in succession, was a Senatorial and a Judicial Conferee several times. He traveled with the paymaster during the late rebellion in Kentucky and Tennessee, getting \$100 and expenses per month. He has been connected actively with the erection and development of the Baptist church and congregation in Mount Union. Mr. Harrison was married to Miss Katharine Baird in Shirleysburg and is the father of 10 children, one daughter and one son deceased. The children surviving are: Robert M. of Philadelphia; Forest of McKee's Rocks; William of Aughwick; Charles of Mount Union; Frank H., Baggage Master for the B. & O., Philadelphia; Fred B., Private Secretary for the Philadelphia & Reading Road, residing in Wilmington, Del.; H. W. who is associated with his father in the insurance business in Mount Union, and Mrs. H. K. Bower, now located in Philipsburg.

Mr. Harrison has had a varied ex-



perience during his career, both in business and other matters, and has been one of the men who was instrumental in the forming and building up of Mount Union. He was here when the town was in its incipency, and has seen it grow from practically a few houses to a thriving town.

Mr. Harrison is a member of the Masons

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**J. M. MINICK**

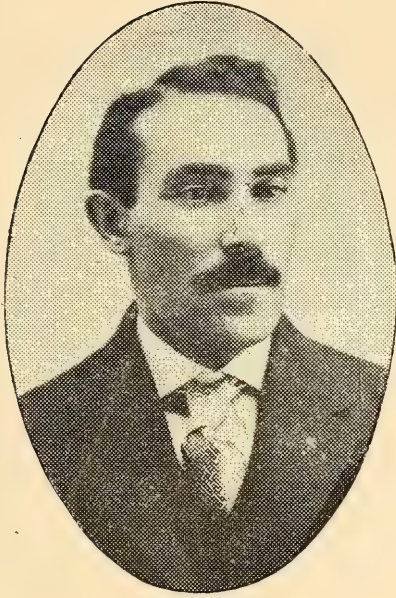
John M. Minick, Mount Union's druggist and pharmacist, was born near Shade Gap, Sept. 27, 1877, in which vicinity he was also reared. Mr. Minick, taught school for a couple years and when reaching the age of 19 he went to Washington, D.

C., where he learned the drug business, having spent 5 years at the National Capital. During this time he took a course at the National College of Pharmacy, graduating in 1900. Mr. Minick came to Mount Union in March, 1902, launching into business in the Beers block, where he conducts an up-to-date drug store, carrying not only a line of drugs but a line of notions, magazines, books, stationery, toilet articles, candies, etc. He was married Oct. 7, 1903 to Miss Alice Sechler. He is a member of the Methodist church and an upright citizen.

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#### ABE DIAMOND

Abe Diamond, the proprietor of the 5 and 10-cent store, was born in Korsevka, Russia, in 1879 on July, 17. His early life was spent assisting his father who was a miller in Russia. Abe came to America in 1904, sailing this way from London, where he had been located for 7 months. Mr. Diamond, being a soldier in the Russian Army at the breaking out of the Russo-Japanese war, escaped to England, and this is probably the reason for his American citizenship today. Landing in America Dec. 18, 1904, he spent sometime in New York City, Washington, D. C., Jersey City, and came here in 1906, he having hitherto as well as sometime after reaching Mount Union been employed by the Drake & Stratton Co. Mr. Diamond entered business here July



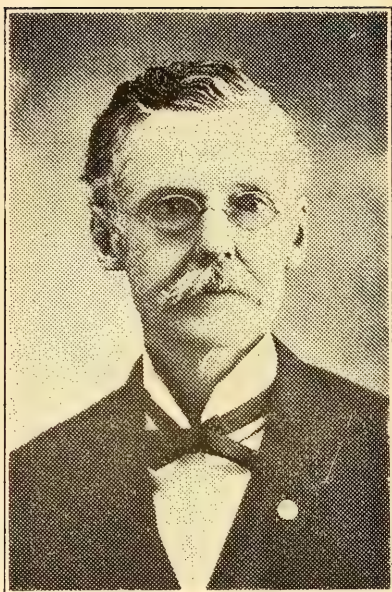
**Abe Diamond**

24, 1907. He was married Oct. 25, 1909 to Helen Cilin of Lycoming county, Pa., His store is in the Beers Hotel block. He carries a large line of trinkets and other ornamental and useful materials most of which can be bought for the minimum price of 5 and 10 cents.

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**T. A. APPLEBY**

Thomas A. Appleby, one of Mount Union's merchants, at the present time editor of the Twice A Week Republican, was born May 2, 1843, son of the late John and Priscilla (Montague) Appleby. His great-grandfath-



**T. A. Appleby**

er was of English ancestry and came to Pennsylvania prior to the Revolution and settled in Tuscarora Valley near Shade Gap. His grandfather's name was John Appleby, he being a farmer and a resident of Dublin township, having been born about 1782. The father of T. A. Appleby was also John Appleby, the name of John having been perpetuated through the three preceding generations, he having been born in 1813 on the old family homestead near Shade Gap. John Appleby was a farmer, as were

his father and grandfather before him. He was also a deacon in the Presbyterian church during his life. His wife, or the mother of T. A. Appleby, was a daughter of Daniel and Jane (Cluggage) Montague, being of Scotch extraction. The Cluggages were famous as officers in the Revolutionary War.

Thomas A. Appleby attended the public schools of his native township, later Milnwood Academy, and completed his education when about 20 years old. He enlisted in Co. K, 202nd Penna. Volunteers on Sept. 1, 1864, and served under the Stars and Stripes for nearly a year, when he was honorably discharged August 3, 1865. During the winter that followed he taught school. In 1866 he became a clerk for the firm of Blair & Appleby, merchants, at Shade Gap. In 1867 Mr. Appleby came to Mount Union and started in business as a partner in the firm of B. X. Blair & Co. After 2 years the firm was changed to Blair & Appleby, by the retirement of D. C. Appleby, deceased, brother of T. A. Appleby, the latter continuing as a partner of the firm until 1876. In 1869 T. A. Appleby was appointed postmaster of Mount Union, which office he held until 1885. In 1883 he embarked in business for himself, and during the years which have intervened he has built up a large trade. He carries on a general store and is one of the oldest merchants in Mount Union. Mr. Appleby

is a progressive and public spirited citizen, interested in every enterprise that aims toward the promotion and the welfare of the community. He was identified with the organization of the DeFrehn Chair Factory, when it flourished in this community, his position being that of secretary. He has served in various borough offices, at the present time being a member of the Town Council.

Thomas A. Appleby was twice married, first to Martha S. McNeal on Oct. 27, 1870. To this union 2 children were born: John C., of York, Pa., and Mrs. Katherine Allen, deceased. Mr. Appleby was married a second time in 1878 to Miss Kate McNeal, (also deceased), a sister to his first wife. He is the father of the following children to his second wife: James, Donald, Martha, Robert, Janet and Nellie. All are at home with the exception of Janet, who is a teacher in one of the schools at Atlantic City.

Mr. Appleby was ordained an elder in the Presbyterian church in 1873. and he has been Superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school of this place since April, 1873. He has been prominent in the Presbyterian church both in this place and in the Presbytery of Huntingdon. He was a delegate to the General Assembly at Saratoga, N. Y., in 1894 and also to the recent meeting of the General Assembly in Denver, Col., in June, 1909.



T. A. Appleby has been interested largely in the business enterprises of Mount Union, during his time. He owns considerable property, particularly in North Mount Union, and has been instrumental largely in the development of this new suburb, which, at the present time, has developed into a beautiful as well as valuable addition to our town. Mr. Appleby is vice president at the present time of the First National Bank, being one of the organizers. He was the first Adjutant in the General Kane Post, established here in 1882. As editor of the *Twice A Week*, he has endeavored in each issue to give to its readers interesting and edifying editorial matter.

The Appleby family has an interesting patriotic record. The grandfather and grand-uncle of Thomas A. Appleby's mother were officers in the Revolutionary Army. Daniel C. Appleby, a brother of the subject of this sketch, served in the Civil War, as did David C., and Thomas, sons of his uncle, William, and John McGinley, a son of his uncle, Alexander Appleby. Two of Mr. Appleby's brothers were also in the Union Army, namely: George Montague and William Montague.

Thomas Moreland, a Revolutionary soldier, buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Shade Gap, was T. A. Appleby's great-grandfather.

Mr. Appleby built the home and store in which he now resides in

1870, and he has spent his life since then in this same home. As a store, that of Appleby's is complete, their aim being to carry a line of groceries, dry goods, clothing, shoes, etc. at all times. His son, J. Donald Appleby is associated with his father in the business.

T. A. Appleby was chairman of the Building Committee when the Presbyterian Church was erected here in 1908.

A distinguishing trait in Mr. Appleby's life is steadfastness of purpose; a trait which he inherited from a line of ancestors, who, whether as plain farmers, or business men, or soldiers, followed the line of duty, without a thought of changing course, either to the right or to the left.

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#### CHARLES JENKINS

Charles Jenkins, one of Mount Union's barbers, was born in Mifflin county, Pa., July 13, 1877. The family moved to Mount Union in 1880, and in this town the subject of this sketch has grown to manhood. He attended the public schools, working for 5 years in the De Frehn Chair Factory, and later entered the barbering establishment of James M. Nevell, where he learned his trade. Mr. Jenkins started in the barbering business for himself in 1906, after having spent 5 years with Mr. Nevell. Today he is located near the East Broad Top Station, and controls a large patronage brought about by his devotion



**Charles Jenkins**

to duty and his efficiency. Mr. Jenkins belongs to the P. O. S. of A., and also is a faithful member of the Methodist church, being a son of the late John E. Jenkins, Mr. Jenkins has regular customers that come to his establishment from different parts of the county, this being the case, of course, when they visit our town. He is an expert barber.

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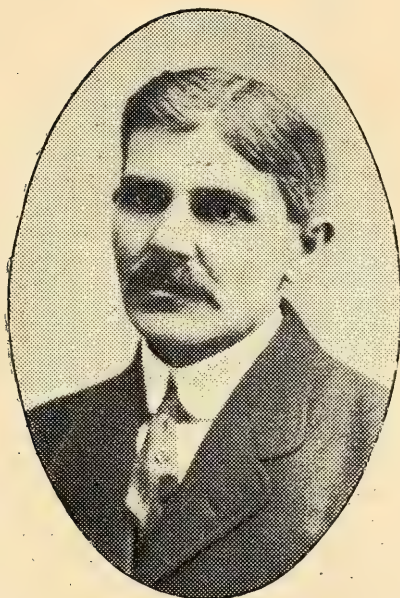
**FRANK JENKINS**

Frank Jenkins, brother of Charles Jenkins and associated with the lat-



**Frank Jenkins**

ter in the barbering business, was born Nov. 13, 1882 in Mount Union. For 6 years after leaving the schools, Mr. Jenkins worked for the Harbison-Walker people, after which he entered the employ of his brother Charles, where he has already spent 3 years. He is a member of the Sons of Veterans, the Maccabees, the P. O. S. of A., as well as an active member of the Methodist church. Frank has attained considerable skill in barbering under the tutorship and employ of his elder brother.



**E. D. WELCH .**

Elmer D. Welch, contractor and builder of Mount Union, was born near Shirleysburg, June 14, 1868. His early life was spent on the farm, during which time he attended the country schools. After the death of his father, David G. Welch, in 1881, with his mother, 2 brothers and 1 sister he moved to Mount Union in 1886. During his residence here he was interested in various occupations, being in the meat business, in the cider-making business, threshing business, operating a well drilling machine and for some time he was employed by his brother, A. S. Welch, in the

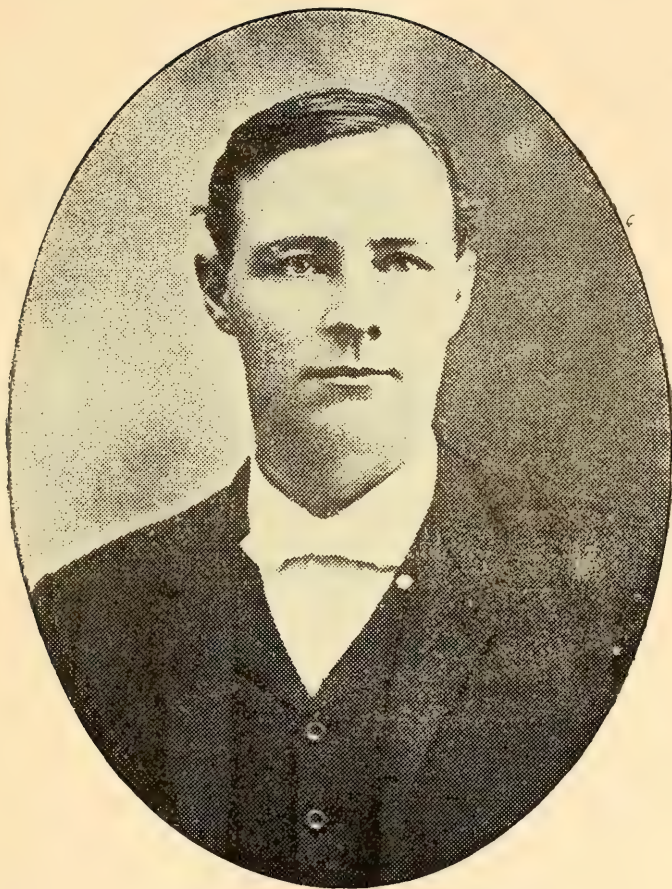
implement business. after which he entered the employ of the D. M. Osborne Harvester Co. Mr. Welch spent some time also as brakeman on the P. R. R. Middle Division. He went to Pittsburg later, and entered the employ of the Bell Telephone Co. Succeeding this, he worked for the National Protective Society, headquarters in Ridgway, Elk county: On Aug. 11, 1888 he was married to Miss Sadie Shearer of Orbisonia and is the father of 2 children: Herbert, deceased,, and Paul. He moved to Johnsonburg after marriage where he was in the baking business combined with the insurance business for some time. Following this, he took up residence in Braddock in 1900, where Mr Welch entered the carpentering business. In 1904 he came with his family to Mount Union, and has since that time been interested in contracting and building.. Thus far he has enjoyed a very successful career, and during the past 3 years he has erected about 45 buildings, including dwelling houses, store rooms, etc. His superior workmanship is responsible for his successful career, which he is enjoying. He puts up no mean buildings and his aim is always to give full value for the money.

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#### **DR. CHARLES E. CULVER**

Dr. Charles E. Culver, one of Mount Union's efficient dentists, was born near Bixlers Mills, Perry county, Pa., Dec. 18, 1864 and is the son of Dr. W. W. Culver, deceased,, a sur-





Dr. Chas. E. Culver

geon of the 56th Penna. Volunteers, later of the 202nd Penna. Volunteers—enlisted at Carlisle. The Doctor's mother was Mary E. Adams, who was united in marriage to Dr. W. W. Culver in 1878. The subject of this sketch graduated from the dental department of Baltimore Medical College in 1899, being Valedictorian of his class. After launching into the world of activity, he opened a large practice in the lower end of this county. He later moved to Pittsburg and entered into business. In August, 1902, Dr. Culver came to Mount Union with his family and located in the dwelling now occupied and owned by G. W. Covert. Because of a close attachment for this town and its people, the Doctor a few years later erected for himself a comfortable residence adjoining the Methodist church to the west, located on Shirley street, and it is there that he sees daily his patients and friends. The Doctor is also an ordained minister of the Methodist church, having completed a course of study prescribed by conference for the entrance into this high and important office, his ordination having been effected in March, 1907. The Doctor is a prohibitionist, an active citizen in the community and his time is largely taken up with his professional and ministerial work.

Dr. Culver is also interested in the plumbing business, having entered into that business about a year ago with W. R. Rosensteel. Since

that time, Mr. Rosensteel has retired, and the Doctor has been conducting the work himself, having an able workman to look after the laboring end of the business. A plumbing shop has been erected to the rear of the Doctor's lot. Thus far he has been enjoying a good portion of the town's plumbing trade.

Doctor Culver is the father of three children, Frank, Harold and Mary.

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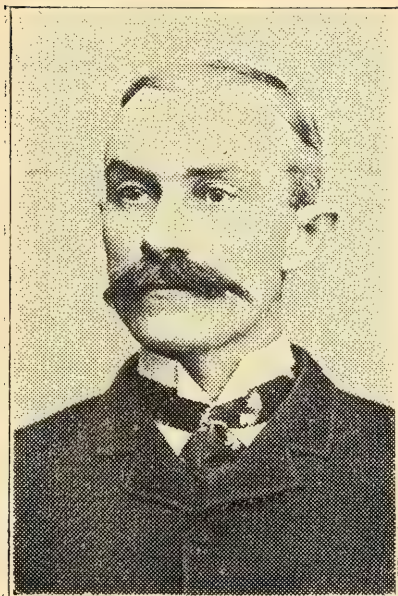
#### W. J. HUNTER

W. J. Hunter, who resides in the second-story of the First National Bank building, well known throughout this section as the General Agent for the International Harvester Co., was born in 1872 in Columbus, Wis. He graduated at the Columbus High School, after which he spent several terms in college. He filled a position for some time as operator for the C. M. & St. P. Ry. He also was made Station Agent and Foreign Car Clerk at Milwaukee General Freight Office, successively. Mr. Hunter accepted a position with the McCormick Harvester Co., at Milwaukee as bookkeeper in 1893. He came to Harrisburg, Pa., as cashier of this firm in the fall of 1896. Typhoid fever in the fall of 1899 forced him to take a position as blockman. He filled this position until the formation of the International Harvester Co., when he was appointed blockman for the 5 companies comprising the above firm. He



**W. J. Hunter**

was recently appointed special salesman for automobiles for the International Harvester Co. He was married in 1901 to Miss Nellie Myers of Shirleysburg. Mr. Hunter is a director in the Grange Trust Co., of Huntingdon, a member of the B. P. O. E., P. of H., and K. of P. He resided in Harrisburg and Shirleysburg prior to coming to Mount Union.



**Thomas Galbraith**

**THE GALBRAITH BROTHERS**

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THOMAS J. GALBRAITH is the eldest of the three Galbraith Bros., interested in the plastering business in Mount Union. He was born in Shade Gap in the year 1855. His parents moved to Orbisonia in 1872, living there for a few months, after which they came to Mount Union. In 1881 Mr. Galbraith, the father, died. Thomas Galbraith, the subject of this sketch, went west in 1877, locating at Portland, Ore. He worked for a while at coach-making, when he de-

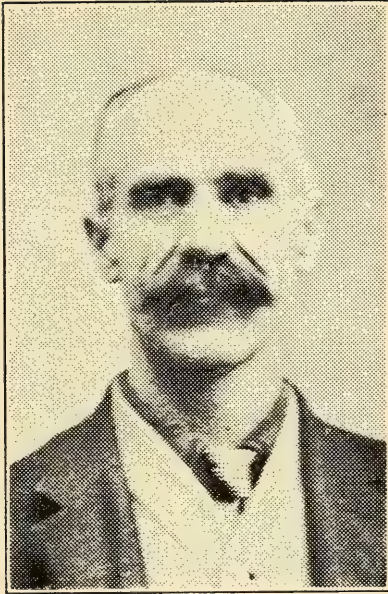


cided finally to return to Pennsylvania, locating in Mount Union, which has since that time been his home. Mr. Galbraith was married to Miss Isabel Shaver and is the father of the following children: Mrs. Etta Rogers and Miss Zada of town; William of Duquesne, Pa., and 5 children deceased. Thomas Galbraith is an active member of the Methodist church and an expert workman.

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JOHN C. GALBRAITH, one of the three Galbraith Bros., plasterers, of Mount Union, was born on May 17, 1859 at Shade Gap. His early life was spent in that section, he having learned his trade, with his father, Benjamin Galbraith, when he was quite young. Some years were spent working with his other two brothers in town, James and Thomas, respectively, after which John went to Bedford county, where he spent 2 years. He also started to learn the machinist business in the Altoona Shops. In addition to this, he worked on the B. & O. R. R. for a short time. Because of poor health, Mr. Galbraith was compelled to spend 5 years in Florida, residing in Pensacola, West Palm Beach and various other places, where he continued work at his trade, that of plastering, and at the same time took advanced work along this line, such as the artistic finishing of buildings, ornamental plastering, cornishing, etc. The Galbraith Bros. are well known throughout this section for the efficiency of their work,



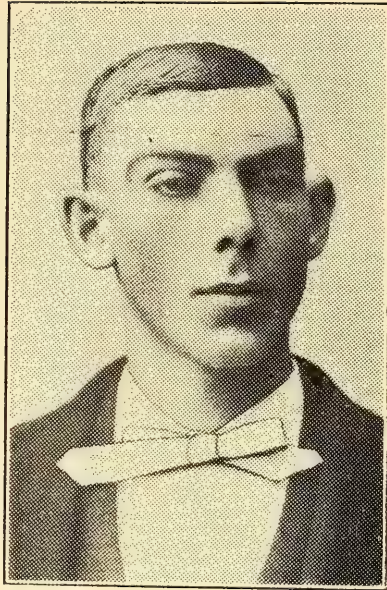


### John Galbraith

most every building in Mount Union for the past 30 years having been plastered by them.

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FERDINAND GALBRAITH, the youngest of the Galbraith Bros., is also a native of Shade Gap, having been born Aug. 7, 1868. Ferdinand is the youngest of a family of 10 children, and has worked about 18 years at the plastering business. Of the Galbraith family, there are 5 girls and 5 boys, of which there are, respectively, in addition to the 3 mentioned in this sketch: James W., of



### Ferd Galbraith

Harrisburg, Charles H., of Hollidaysburg, Conductor on the Middle Division of the P. R. R., Mrs. S. H. Smith of Harrisburg, Mrs. McClellan Speck and Miss Rebecca of Mount Union. (Mrs. Lewis White and Miss Anna deceased.) Mr. Galbraith is an earnest member and worker in the Methodist church in this place.

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### CAPTAIN JAMES GALBRAITH

Capt. James Galbraith, an uncle of the Galbraith Brothers of town, was born in Adams county, Pa., July 22, 1797. Capt. Galbraith was the 3rd son of a family of 11 children, son of

William and Mary Galbraith. He was married to Rebecca Graft. Part of his early life was spent in Tennessee. For many years he resided in Shirleysburg. John Douglas of Shirleysburg, writes us as follows regarding the Captain:

"James Galbraith, or later known as Captain Galbraith, came from Adams county, and settled on the farm now owned by Wm. McGarvey in the year 1839. He lived there for some years, and in the early fifties came to Shirleysburg, and built the large frame house now owned by Harry Bard, where he lived until the day of his death. The Captain was a man of leisure, also a great hunter, and took great pride in handling the rifle the only gun in that day. He was a great military man. He was elected Captain of the early militia of the Aughwick Valley, and later on at the breaking out of the Rebellion, he raised a company of home guards and they chose him as their Captain. He was as straight as an Indian near six feet in height, and made a fine appearance. Captain was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He was my Sunday-school teacher when I was a boy. The Captain died suddenly one morning in March 1863. As he passed down through the town joking and full of life on his way to his farm he had just crossed the Fort Run bridge when he sat down by the wayside and suddenly passed away. I was there and saw strong men carry him to his home. His remains were taken to Adams county for burial. Jacob Ripple was there when he died. Mr. Galbraith was a Presbyterian by faith and was greatly lamented by all who knew him. Mr. Galbraith remarked to Daniel Myers that morning that he felt good and was just 67 years old. I am proud to give you a short sketch of the life of a man like Captain Galbraith."

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#### DR. W. W. RUMBERGER

Dr. W. W. Rumberger, one of Mount Union's dentists, was born in Blair Co., Pa., and came to Petersburg with his parents in early life. In

that town he attended the public schools and as a young man he worked at the carpentering business with his father for some time. His father was finally elected sheriff of this county and the Rumbergers moved to Huntingdon on Jan. 2, 1899. The Doctor was on the road, however, as mail clerk from 1898 to 1902, at which time he went to Philadelphia Dental College, from which institution he graduated in 1905. The Doctor came to Mount Union in November 1905, and established an office in the post-office building. His expert workmanship and popularity have been conducive to a lucrative professional business thus far in his career. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

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#### W. L. WHITE

W. L. White, wagon maker, was born in Huntingdon, Pa., Aug. 14, 1851. He remained in the county seat until 12 years old, when he moved to Clear Ridge near Mapleton, Pa., where he resided 7 years. Mr. White came to Mount Union on July 24, 1870 and for a number of years worked for the Canal and Railroad Co., as a carpenter under Capt. Gayton. He launched in the wagon-making business in June, 1886, which trade he has followed to the present time. He was first married to Miss Galbraith and the second time to Miss Martha Truax, also deceased. Mr. White is an expert wagon-maker.

**ROY MILLER**

Roy Miller, of the firm of W. S. Miller & Son, tanners and plumbers, was born in Shirleysburg, Aug. 18, 1886. His early life was spent in attendance at the public schools and also working with his father. He came to Mount Union Sept. 25, 1906, where he entered into partnership with C. S. Price, this partnership having existed for 6 months. Mr. Miller was married Sept. 19, 1906 to Miss Mabel Myers, and is the father of 2 children, one boy and one girl. W. S. Miller is located in Shirleysburg, where he conducts a hardware store and tinning and plumbing establishment. Roy Miller has his tin shop on Water Street, this place. The Messrs. Miller have built up quite a trade in Mount Union and the surrounding territory.

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**D. B. PRICE**

D. B. Price, one of our hustling lumber and timber dealers, was born in Hill Valley, Oct. 1, 1858. His early life, until 7 years old, was spent in the section of his birth. He spent five years with George Sechrist, near Orbisonia, and returned to Hill Valley afterward, where he made his home with his step-father, H. E. Hooper. Mr. Price was married in 1884 to Miss Laura E. Rhodes. He is the father of three children. Ada, (Mrs. Ray Sollers,) Chauncey and Olive all of town. Mrs. Price died several years ago and the subject of this sketch

has again been married (July 23, 1908) to Alice Wogan. Mr. Price is interested largely in purchasing and cutting off timber tracts, and is an expert in the forest. He is an active member of the M. E. church.

#### SELEA CUTSHALL

Selea Cutshall, who conducts a small store in the eastern section of the town, was born in Springfield township, this county, Feb. 6, 1870. His early life was spent in that section, and in fact till he came to Mount Union in October, 1905. By a serious railroad accident, Mr. Cutshall had both legs taken off and because of this deformity he has been compelled to seek the livelihood of a confectioner and cobbler. Mr. Cutshall, though deprived of his limbs, gets around remarkably well and is ambitious toward making an honest living. He was married to Miss Rank of Hustontown, and is the father of 3 children, one boy and two girls.

#### JOHN R. McKELVY

John R. McKelvy, one of the firm of McKelvy & Fields, was born in Cromwell township, April 23, 1856. Most of his life was spent in that vicinity until he entered the service of the East Broad Top Railroad Co. 27 years were spent in the employ of the East Broad Top, 14 of which number Mr. McKelvy was ticket agent at Mount Union. He came to this place in 1890, and relinquishing the East Broad Top portion of the

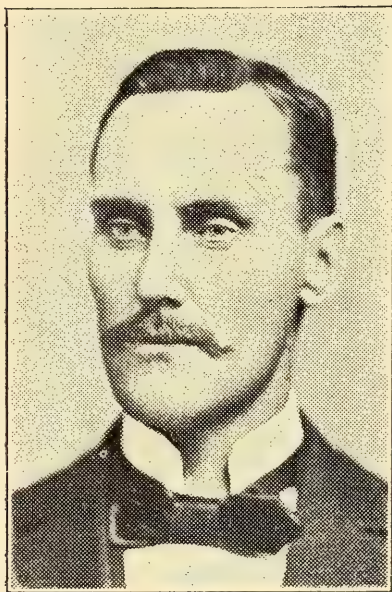


business in 1904, prior to that date, as well as up to the present time, Mr. McKelvy has been the Western Union Telegraph operator at this place, he having been in the service of this company for 20 years. He was married in 1889 to Isaphene Edwards of Broad Top City. Mr. McKelvy is a member of the P. O. S. of A., of the Masonic Order and also the Odd Fellows. He is a faithful member of the Presbyterian church and an energetic and upright citizen in the community. Since the establishment of the partnership of McKelvy & Fields, Real Estate and Insurance Agents, this firm has been enjoying a lucrative business in this community.

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#### **JAMES M. NEVELL**

James M. Nevell, the oldest barber in Mount Union, is a native of Greenwood Furnace, Huntingdon county, he having been born March 24, 1865. He was the son of William and Mary Nevell. James Nevell moved with his parents when very young to Alexandria, where they resided for 7 years. In 1872 the family came to Mount Union, and here Mr. Nevell grew to manhood, as well as attended the old township school, located to the lower end of town. For a number of years, James Nevell, worked on the P. R. R., as a track hand. Later, he took up the barbering business with his brother Samuel, and under him he learned his trade.



**James M. Nevell**

Samuel B. Nevell is now the leading barber in Orbisonia, Pa. James Nevell entered business for himself Nov 1, 1896, and has continued with zeal and success to this day. He is an expert barber and controls a large patronage. His room, in the Crum building opposite the Beers Hotel on Jefferson Street, is a very fine one. His assistant at the present time is Alexander Kormos.

James Nevell was married Jan. 30, 1889, to Miss Etta May of Rainsburg, Bedford county, and is the father of

six children, Lola, Mildred, Martha and Margaret; two boys are dead. Mr. Neveill is a charter member of the P. O. S. of A., in this town, the lodge being organized in 1888.

### **CARTER & NEUSBAUM**

William Carter, the senior member of Carter & Neusbaum, butchers, was born in Mount Union March 12, 1873. He remained in town until 13 years old, when he went to Tyrone and learned the paper making trade, being an employee of the paper mill at that place, where he worked 18 months. He afterward worked at the Johnsonburg Mill, the Niagara Falls Mill, also at Watertown, N. Y., at Herkimer, N. Y., at Waterville, Me., and at Piedmont, W. Va., at these places he having worked in various paper mills. Mr. Carter came back to Mount Union in 1897, and during his time here, prior to launching into the butchering business in 1906, he worked in the Chair Factory, at Mapleton in the quarries, for the Haws Brick Co., and for the Harbison-Walker Co., respectively. Since in the butchering business, he has made this quite a success, the stand of Carter & Neusbaum being located on Division Street, near Shirley. He is a member of the Patriotic Sons. He was married to Miss Margaret Bond, and is the father of 6 children.

CHARLES NEUSBAUM, of the firm of Carter & Neusbaum, was born

in Fannettsburg, Pa., Dec. 16, 1881. He spent his early life in Franklin county, after which he went to Braddock, where he learned the butchering business. For some time he was employed at the Steel Mill at Monessen. Following this, he returned to Braddock and again launched into the butchering business. Mr. Neusbaum came to Mount Union in 1904, and was employed with W. W. Peterson, in his butcher shop for a number of years prior to the establishment of the present partnership of Carter & Neusbaum. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A. He was married to Miss Theresa Covert, and is the father of one son.

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#### C. T. F. HADLEY

C. T. F. Hadley, one of Mount Union's jewelers, was born in Chester county, Pa. He received a common school education and later an academic course at Brandywine, Manore, Pa. Mr. Hadley learned the watch making and jewelry business in Norristown, Pa., having been associated with a first class jeweler for 12 years. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Horology & Optics in 1900. Following his education, he spent 2 additional years with his former employer in Norristown. From 1903 to 1909 he was in the wholesale and retail jewelry business in Pittsburg, Pa., and at Jamesburg, N. J., respectively. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Jamesburg

having been actively connected with church, Sunday school and choir work since boyhood. Since coming to Mount Union less than a year ago, Mr. Hadley, who is located in the corner of the Beers block, has opened up a fine jewelry store and has built up a lucrative business. His reliability is unquestionable and his workmanship is expert.

#### GEORGE R. SMAWLEY

George R. Smawley was born in Huntingdon March 28, 1866, son of Lewis Smawley, previously mentioned in this article. Two years were spent in the County Seat, after which the Smawley family moved to Mill Creek, residing there for the same length of time. Mount Union was then the destination for another move, the Smawley family having built on Halley Street, where they made their home for about 8 years. At that time they went to Altoona, and it was in the Mountain City that George R. Smawley entered the employ of Charles Stratford, marble dealer, (1883), who had a marble yard at that place. In 1884 Mr. Smawley returned to Mount Union. In 1889 he was married to Miss Alice Bowser of Johnstown, and is the father of 2 children; John and Almeda. Since 1883 Mr. Smawley has been in the continuous employ of Charles Stratford, he being an efficient and expert marble cutter. In 1901 Mr. Smawley entered the furniture business with D. E. McClain, in

town. The business grew and soon the present room in the Crum building was fitted up and a larger stock of furniture put in. In 1907 Mr. Smawley bought out Mr. McClain and since that date has been conducting the business himself, his aim being to carry a large line of up-to-date furniture, carpets, rugs, etc. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A. of the Woodmen, and also of the Methodist church.]

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**LEWIS G. NOBLE.**

Lewis G. Noble, one of the grocers of Mount Union, was born in Orbisonia November 3, 1865. He resided there until about 21 years old, his early life having been given to farming principally. Some time was spent as an employe of the Rockhill furnace, after which Mr. Noble entered the service of the East Broad Top, being employed on the gravel train for awhile and later as brakeman on the road. He was married to Miss Clemima Heck, and after marriage entered business in Three Springs, where he resided for several years. He came to Mount Union in December, 1901, and being a carpenter by trade, he worked for several years in that capacity for the Habison-Walker people and at the chair factory. He opened a little grocery store in the former bank building, or what was previously the Central Bank room on the corner of Water and Division streets on January 1, 1908,



and since that time has been engaged in the mercantile business. Mr. Noble keeps an up-to-date little store and supplies the people in his immediate neighborhood with groceries, provisions, etc. He is a member of the Methodist church.

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#### ISAAC M. TAYLOR

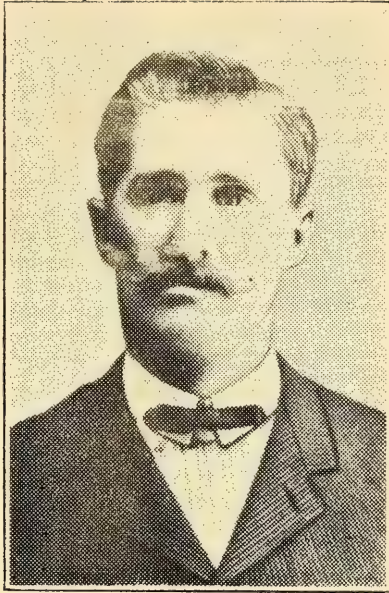
Isaac M. Taylor, who conducts a little grocery store on Jefferson Street, near Jefferson Heights, was born in Three Springs, Pa., July 14, 1846. He is one of Mount Union's oldest residents. He remained in Three Springs until he was 21 years old, at which time he migrated to Shirley township near Shirleysburg, where he worked on the farms of Enoch Lutz and William Adams, respectively, 1867-68. He was married to Amanda Foreman Dec. 22, 1869. After marriage he resided in Three Springs for a little while, then he moved back to Shirley township, residing near the old log mill in the vicinity of the Shirley for 5 years. For a while he farmed on the old Harmony place and later for 5 years upon the Etnier farm. Mr. Taylor and family moved to Path Valley in 1884. In 1887 they moved to Fort Littleton, and in the spring of 1888 he quit farming and moved to the Huling place near Mount Union, and a little later to the stone house near town, formerly that of Peter Shaver. In 1891 Mr. Taylor and family moved up Back Valley near

to the former Ewing brick kiln. Ten years were spent as watchman on the P. R. R. and 6 years were spent as night foreman, and several other occupations in the service of the Haws Co., and the Harbison-Walker Brick Co. Mr. Taylor moved to town a few years ago and entered into the mercantile business sometime after or in 1907. He conducts an up-to-date little store and supplies the people in his immediate community with groceries, provisions, etc.; He is a member of the Methodist church, also the Maccabees. He is the father of 4 children: Clarence, Harry C., Russell and Carrie.

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#### HOWARD POSTLETHWAITE

Howard Postlethwaite, one of the coal dealers of Mount Union, was born in Long Hollow, Mifflin County, Pa., Nov. 12, 1859. He is a son of Fisher Postlethwaite, one of our oldest residents, mention of whom is made on page 142 of this book. Howard Postlethwaite spent his early days in Mount Union and vicinity. Grown into manhood, he spent about 10 years in Philadelphia, about 5 years in Pittsburg, was in Denver, Col., and in Texas for about three years and some time was spent also in Robertsdale and in Rockhill in this county. In 1895 Mr. Postlethwaite was married to Miss Alda Lane, in Kansas. He has been a resident in Mount Union principally since 1901, when he became assistant



### Howard Postlethwaite

to his father in the coal business. Mr. Postlethwaite took sole charge of the business in 1903, and since that time his brother Richard, has been his chief helper. He handles both hard and soft coal, having his coal yard to the east end of town. Mr. Postlethwaite is a member of the Modern Woodmen.

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### C. P. McCLURE

C. P. McClure was born in Johnstown, Pa. July 9, 1864. Mr. McClure conducts two stores in Mount Union,

one in the stand formerly occupied by E. M. Rhodes as a drug store, and the other in the Stratford building on Shirley Street. Mr. McClure deals in groceries, confections and green goods. He resided in Johnstown for about 10 years, after which he spent a portion of his life in Millersburg, Braddock and Newport. In Braddock he was employed at the Steel Works, and in Pittsburg he learned the jewelry business. In the fall of 1884, he went to Newport, Pa., where he conducted a jewelry store for some time. Mr. McClure came to Mount Union in September 1905. Prior to that date 2 years were spent in Philadelphia. He married Miss Jennie Herting of Newport, and is the father of 2 sons, Alva and Frederick. Mr. McClure is a member of the Lutheran church.

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#### JOHN C. DAVIS

John C. Davis, the confectioner and groceryman, located in the Crum building on Jefferson Street, is a native of Germany Valley, having been born Jan. 27, 1850. 16 years were spent in the Aughwick Valley and Mr. Davis learned the tanning trade at the old tannery in Germany Valley, at which industry he worked for a number of years. At the age of 21 he started in the railroad business and also farmed for some time, these two occupations having been carried on in Ohio and Illinois. Mr. Davis came back to Mount Union March 24, 1873, and since that time

has resided here. He has been married twice, first to Rebecca Liveringhouse and the second time to Anna Hildebrand (June, 1884.) Mr. Davis worked on the P. R. R. tracks here for 16 years until he lost his sight and had to seek some other occupation. On March 6, 1896 he entered into the confectionery business in town and since that time has been one of our successful dealers in groceries, confections, green goods, etc. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A. and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and also belongs to the Methodist church.

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#### L. S. NORRIS

L. S. Norris was born in Penn township, this county, Oct. 4, 1855. His early life was spent in his native township, he later having worked in the car shops at Huntingdon following blacksmithing. He conducted a shop at James Creek, where he spent 3 years. He was blacksmith for Smith & Co., up the Raystown Branch, for 2 years on a lumber job. He later worked at Chippewa Falls, Wis. Mr. Norris came to Mount Union in 1888 and entered into business. He was married to Miss Johnson in 1879, being the father of 7 children: Herman and Charles of Altoona; Cloyd at home; Mrs. Lawrence Crum of town; Mrs. Roy Bowman of New York; Maud and Mary at home. Mr. Norris has been twice elected school director, serving in that capacity at the present time.

He has also been a member of the council in the past. As a blacksmith he conducts a large business, being well and favorably known for his good workmanship. He is located near the P. R. R. depot, Corner Water and Jefferson Streets, an old stand.

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#### JOHN D. WILLIAMS

John D. Williams, the colored barber located in the Shaver room on Division Street, is a native of Duplin county, N. C., having been born Aug. 17, 1872. He worked on a farm in the Old North State, for a number of years, in fact up until 1885. He was a resident of Goldsboro, N. C., for some time. From Goldsboro he came north to Pennsylvania, learning the barbering business in Philadelphia. From Philadelphia he went to Hanover, thence to York, Harrisburg, Carlisle and from Carlisle to Mount Union, having landed here Jan. 16, 1908. Mr. Williams is an expert barber and since here has built up a considerable trade. He says he likes Mount Union very much.

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#### ALLEY KASAN

Alley Kasan, a Syrian, has been in the grocery business in Mount Union since 1903, being located in the Cassidy room on West Shirley Street. Alley Kasan was born in the vicinity of Beirut, Syria, Dec. 25, 1884. He came to America in 1901. He has been in Mount Union for 6 years. He



carries a line of groceries, confections, green goods, etc. His birth place, more particularly located, is about a day's journey from Beirut in the region of the Lebanons. He is a progressive merchant.

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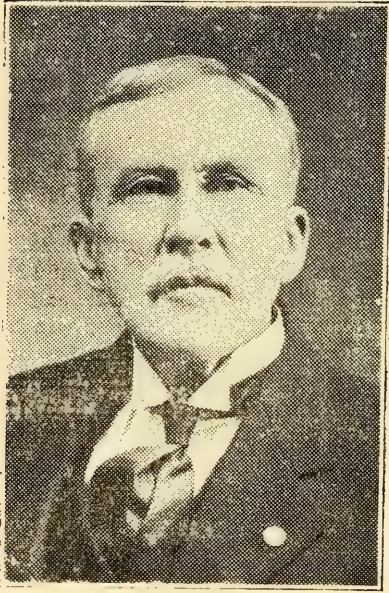
#### YE HING SONG

Ye Hing Song is the name of Mount Union's Chinese Laundryman. He is located in the Welch building, corner Pennsylvania avenue and Jefferson street. Ye Hing Song was born in Hong Kong, China, a number of years ago. He has been in America for several years and has been located in Mount Union for several years. He is doing a nice business.

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#### Dr. Alvin R. McCarthy

Dr. Alvin R. McCarthy was born at Newton Hamilton, Pa. Feb. 7, 1845, but spent most of his earlier years in Kishacoquillas Valley in Huntingdon County. His father, Henry L. McCarthy, was for many years a book keeper, teacher and surveyor, an old line whig and an original member of the Republican party, filled the office of county commissioner and other public positions in Huntingdon county and Brady township, was a member of the Presbyterian church and for many years an elder and Sabbath school superintendent. Three brothers were also teachers, elders and Sabbath school superintendents, and one (Judge C. R. McCarthy) was the first associate judge. who ever set up his



Dr. A. R. McCarthy

opinion against the president judge, and persuading the other associate to vote with him, refused all licenses and made Huntingdon county a prohibition county for four years. Their grandfather, Henry McCarthy, Scotch-Irish, was a Revolutionary soldier and one of the early settlers of the town of Huntingdon, and their mother, Amelia Roberts, belonged to a prominent Maryland family and was a lineal descendant of Oliver Cromwell.

Dr. McCarthy's mother was Margar-

et Hubbell, daughter of Henry Hubbell, one of the early settlers of Saltillo, Huntingdon county. He and his father, Colonel Nathaniel Hubbell, as well as his wife's father, William Bunn, served in the same regiment in the Revolutionary War, taking part in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth and other engagements of that momentous struggle. Col. Hubbell had also served as a Lieutenant in the French and Indian War. Their ancestors (Hubbell's) were among the early settlers of Massachusetts and many of the family are prominent citizens of that and other eastern states.

Margaret Hubbell had been previously married to William Scott who died in 1837. He was a near relative of the late Thomas A. Scott, of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Dr. McCarthy was one of five brothers, all of whom took a part in the Civil War. The eldest, James P. Scott, was in the 125th Pa. Volunteers. Henry H. Scott served four years in the 8th Pa. Vol. Cav., was in the charge of Major Keenan at Chancellorsville, which has been compared to the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava, and was a prisoner at Libby, Belle Isle and Salisbury. Miles W. McCarthy served three years in Co. B, 110th Pa., Vols., was twice wounded and once taken prisoner and paroled, was along when Col. Crowther and Col. Isaac Rogers were killed and

was himself killed at Deep Bottom, near Richmond, July 27, 1864. Seely B. McCarthy served for some time in 102nd Pa. Vols. and was with Capt. Wallace's Company from Huntingdon, Mount Union, Shirleysburg and Salltillo, which with less than thirty men attacked and held back the Rebel advance on Cove Mountain, near McConnellsburg in June, 1863.

Alvin R. McCarthy was in Co. K, 22nd Pa. Vol., Cav., from Feb., 1864, till Nov., 1865. was in the battles of Kerntown, Berryville, Summit Point, Charlestown, Stephenson's Depot, Martinsburg, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and other engagements under Mulligan, Lowell, Averill, Custer, Sheridan and other generals. He has been for many years the secretary of the 22nd Pa. Vol. Cav., Association and has taken some part in getting up a history of the regiment soon to be published.

Before going to the war Dr. A. R. McCarthy had been engaged as a ticket and freight agent on the Pennsylvania Railroad. After his return from the war he followed surveying and school teaching until 1867, when he began the study of medicine under Dr. H. Orlady, of Petersburg, Pa., father of Superior Judge George B. Orlady. He attended Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and the University of New York, graduating from the latter institution in 1871. He practiced medicine for a time at Dudley, Pa., and removed to Mount

Union in December, 1872, where he has since resided. For a few years he took some interest in politics and served as a clerk in the Pennsylvania Legislature, in 1872, along with William A. Stone, who afterward became Governor. Later Dr. McCarthy was conceded the nomination for member of Legislature, from this county, but declined it because he could not afford to leave his practice for so long a time. The only position he has ever held in Mount Union borough was that of Burgess for three years. He was unanimously renominated for a second term, but according to law could not succeed himself.

On March 23, 1875, Dr. McCarthy was married to Miss Mary E. Gayton, (daughter of the late Capt. W. C. Gayton) who died Aug. 22, 1878. They had two children, both of whom died in infancy. Nov. 14, 1882 he was again married to Miss Mary E. Taylor, daughter of John Taylor, brother of the late Judge George Taylor. Dr. and Mrs. McCarthy are the parents of three children, Ethel, a graduate of Swarthmore College, now teaching in Wildwood, N. J., High School, Mildred, at home, and Lillian, now a student at Northwestern University.

In addition to his medical practice, Dr. McCarthy, for many years conducted a large wood and lumber business extending over several counties, his shipments some years amounting to more than a thousand car loads. He also owned, edited and published

the Mount Union Times for thirteen years, from 1879 to 1892. He originated the practice of publishing obituary notices, since adopted by nearly every local newspaper in the United States and by many city papers, giving a commendatory history of the deceased and the names and addresses of surviving relatives. Before then only prominent public men, dying, got any more notice in the papers than the two or three lines given each in the obituary column. Occasionally an editor, a little more venturesome than the rest, would perhaps risk saying this much in his "local" column: "Mr John Jones died at his home in West Huntingdon last Wednesday:" The series of "Graybeard's Reminiscences," by Judge C. R. McCarthy, continued for several years in the Times during Dr. McCarthy's ownership of the paper, was the longest as well as the most interesting series of articles ever published in a Huntingdon county paper.

When the water works of Mount Union were constructed in 1900 Dr. McCarthy financed the enterprise and has since been in control, owning the plant for several years, but later selling to four practical water works men. In 1904 he constructed a water works system at Mercersburg. In order to give more attention to other business affairs he relinquished the practice of medicine in 1903, selling his office outfit and good will to Dr. C. A. R. McClain.



Dr. McCarthy is a member of Post 292 G. A. R., of the County and State Medical societies and various other societies. He and his family are members of the Mount Union Presbyterian church of which he was a trustee nine years. For nearly twenty years he was director of the choir and for more than twenty years he was a teacher in the Sabbath school. He was secretary of the building committee when the new church was erected, is a member of the board of trade and has always been active in efforts to improve and build up the town.

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#### DR. W. J. CAMPBELL

Dr. William J. Campbell, Mount Union's oldest resident practicing physician today, was born in Shirley township, this county, May 18, 1862, the son of Hance R., and Annie (Smith) Campbell. On his father's side he is of Scotch and on his mother's he is of Irish extraction. His father was a native of Glasgow and his mother a native of Tyrone county, Ireland. Possessing the Scotch-Irish characteristics, peculiar to this class of persevering and determined sect. Dr. Campbell, when young, had determined to make something of himself. He attended the public schools, where he gained the rudiments of knowledge. At fourteen, he entered a private school at Orbisonia where he spent three terms. He had stimulated his ambition for education and to gratify this insatiable



Dr. William J. Campbell

desire he taught for several terms and re-entered the private school. After teaching three additional winters he entered the Iron City Business College at Pittsburg, where he made good. The Doctor succeeding this, attended Juniata College for a term. In 1887 he entered the Civil Service, and was a mail clerk for two years. After teaching a winter in Mt. Union the Doctor entered in 1890 the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, where he pursued a course in medicine and surgery, graduating on May 4 1893. It was in 1893 that the Doctor hung out his shingle in Mapleton, where he practiced for 4 years, and during which time he distinguished himself as one of the leading physicians of this county. In 1897 he came to Mount Union and settled, and since that time has been one of our hustling physicians. The doctor has enjoyed a splendid practice during these years of residence and duty has called him into the rural sections, which with his home practice has engaged his strict attention. He has an automobile, to facilitate his practice, which aids much as a time saver.

Dr. Campbell was married to Miss Laura E. Spanogle on Dec. 5, 1889. He is the father of two daughters, Mary and Sarah. During his time the Doctor has been mercantile appraiser, has held various township and borough offices and has been U. S. Pension Examiner in the past. At

present the Doctor is P. R. R. physician and surgeon for this section. his skill and ability at times taking him to various parts of the Division. He was one of the organizers, a charter member, and today a director of the First National Bank at this place. He is a member of the Huntingdon County Medical Society at times having been president and vice president of same. He is truly a self-made man. With no financial help, he was early thrown upon his own resources and through hard work and economy gained the prominence which he today enjoys. The Doctor had the responsibility of looking after his mother and a large family, when yet a young man, which he did with credit. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, a member of the Masonic Order of Huntingdon, and a member of the Odd Fellows (lodge 677) of Mt. Union. The Doctor has two brothers, R. B. of New Grenada and F. S. of Hopewell, both of whom are practicing physicians of note in their communities. Like the Doctor, these brothers also started with nothing and have risen to success through hard work, diligence and application to duty.

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#### DR. SAMUEL GREGORY

Dr. Samuel Gregory, one of the physicians of Mount Union, is the son of John and Mary (Cunningham) Gregory, and was born in West township, near Cottage post office, Hunt-



**Dr. Samuel Gregory**

ingdon county, Pa., Nov. 14, 1870. The Doctor is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His early life was spent on the farm, where he attended in winter the public schools of the township, gathering the rudiments of knowledge. For some time he taught school, after which he entered Juniata College and later the West Chester Normal School, where he attended for some time. Having decided to make his career a professional one, the Doctor later entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore in Oct., 1893, and from that institution

he was graduated in 1896. For some time he practiced with his brother-in-law, Dr. G. W. Lupfer at Neffs Mills. He came to Mount Union, March 8, 1898, as successor to Dr. G. C. Borst (deceased), who then went to Newville, Pa. Since his time in Mount Union Dr. Gregory has built up a large practice, and has distinguished himself as one of the leading physicians in this section of the county. He was married Nov. 25th, 1897, to Miss Anna Foster, also of West township. The Doctor is a member of the M. E. church, and a teacher in the Sunday school, having a class of thirty men. His office well equipped is to be found in his recently built, large and commodious residence on Shirley Street, next door to the post office.

Dr. Gregory is U. S. Pension examiner, at the present time.

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#### **RICHARD M. KIEL**

Richard M. Kiel, drayman, was born in Canada, a village of Cambria county near Johnstown, Oct. 1, 1876. Mr. Kiel came to Mount Union when quite small, where the family resided a short time. Soon after they moved to Dubuque, Iowa, where they remained for several years. Mr. Kiel was about 6 years old when his parents returned from the west and settled in Mount Union. In this community he grew to manhood, working for awhile in Ewing's store and also at Ewing's brick kiln, was em-





Richard M. Kiel

ployed 13 years in the Chair Factory, and it was about 4 years ago that Mr. Kiel launched into the draying business, which occupation he has continued to this day with remarkable success. He was married on Feb. 2, 1897 to Miss Bessie Stratford of town. He is the father of 4 children: Fred, Elizabeth, deceased; Richard, deceased; and Jeanette. Mr. Kiel is a member of the Methodist church, and belongs to the P. O. S. of A., and the Sons of Veterans.

**C. S. PRICE**

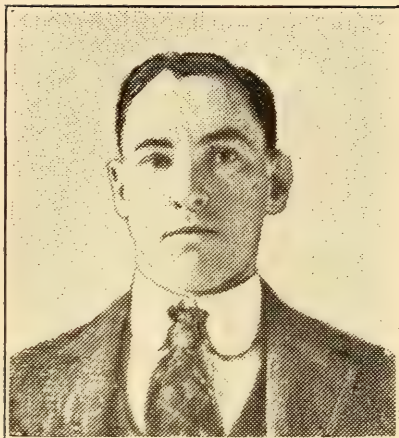
Chauncey S. Price, at the present time the oldest plumber and tinner in Mount Union, was born April 18, 1887 in Orbisonia. The family resided there about 1 year when they moved to Hill Valley. 1 year was spent in Hill Valley, when the Price family moved to Spruce Creek, remaining a short time. Returning to Mount Union, this has been the home of the Prices since that time. C. S. Price is the only son of D. B. Price, and his education was received principally in the Mount Union schools. Being of an energetic disposition, he launched out for himself early in

life, and learned the trade of tinning and plumbing with Forest Harrison, where he spent an apprenticeship of 4 years. Mr. Price started into business for himself in 1906 and since that time he has made quite a success of this line of work. He has done work as far west as Portage and as far south as Dudley, this county. Mr. Price is a member of the P. O. S. of A., of the Master Plumber's Association, and is a member also of the Methodist church. He is a genius in many respects, having built for himself an automobile during this last season, which runs well, and though rude in construction, is a credit to the builder and manipulator.

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#### W. H. ROHM

William H. Rohm, one of Mount Union's bakers, was born at Locust Grove, Fulton County, May 10, 1878. His father being a miller, his early days were spent in the grist mill. Some time was also spent in farming. At the age of 14 Mr. Rohm left home, spending some time in Bedford county. He came to Mount Union on March 2, 1899 and took up employment with the Harbison-Walker people. Mr. Rohm was married on Dec. 25, 1900 to Miss Grace Hooper, daughter of F. M. Hooper of town. Here he has builded for himself a residence and has worked up a large trade in the baking business. Mr. Rohm was interested in the baking business about 5 years ago, when



**William H. Rohm**

poor health compelled his relinquishing of this occupation. He is a member of the Methodist church, and also the P. O. S. of A. He is an energetic citizen in the community.

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**WILLIAM BICE**

William Bice, Mount Union's liveryman since 1867, was born in Belleville, Mifflin County, Pa., and was the son of James and Ann Bice. When he was quite small, the family moved to Mount Union, where his father farmed for sometime on the old Postlethwaite, later the Dougherty farm. Atkinson's Mills soon after became the home of the Bice's, and it was there that the subject of this sketch grew to manhood. Mr. Bice, heard the call in the sixties and went



William Bice

forth to serve his country, being one of the distinguished 149th Buck-tails. It was in the fall of 1866 that Mr. Bice came to Mount Union to stay. He entered into the livery business in 1867 and that has been his occupation to this day. During these years however, he has changed his business stand, he formerly being located to the lower end of Water Street. Mr. Bice is well known, and has traveled throughout most every section of this and adjoining counties. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He controls a good business and has won the esteem of

many friends in this and neighboring towns.

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### JOHN RIPPLE

John Ripple, one of Mount Union's merchants, who conducts a grocery store, and confectionery in the east end of town, and also the owner and operator of the cider mill, was born in Shirley township, March 12, 1855, and there it was that he spent his early life. He has lived in Mount Union 19 years and has been in the grocery business for 3 years. Mr. Ripple was married March 22, 1883 to Miss Elizabeth Wicks and to this union 5 children have been born, 4 of whom are living: Mrs. James Smith of Altoona,, Mrs. Robert Smith and Charles Ripple of town, and Lena at home. Mr. Ripple is an energetic and public spirited citizen of Mount Union.

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### S. R. DUBBS

S. R. Dubbs, is one of Mount Union's blacksmiths, having been located in the town for 2 months. Mr. Dubbs was born at Meadow Gap, this county, Jan. 11, 1874. He was there until about 14 years of age, when he left home, spending 3 years in Johnstown, 3 years in Franklin county, several years in Altoona, after which he returned to Huntingdon county, residing in Cromwell township. As a farmer and blacksmith, Mr. Dubbs resided in Cromwell for about 3 years prior to coming to Mount Union. Since coming to town, he has been



enjoying a good trade and has indications of a continuation of a lucrative business.

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### ALBERT ANDERSON

Albert Anderson, one of the draymen of town was born in Mount Union in 1864. He has been raised and has spent all his life in this vicinity. Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Annie Buckley, Feb. 22, 1887. Mrs. Anderson died July 7, 1909. Mr. Anderson belongs to the Odd Fellows, the Royal Detective Association, the Fraternal Association of Odd Fellows, and he is also an active member of the M. E. church.

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### THE STRATFORD BUILDING

The Stratford Building is owned by Dr. Thos. F. Stratford, a Mount Union boy, who has thus far gained considerable prominence in the professional and business world. Dr. Stratford is a son of Charles Stratford. He is a dentist by profession, but during the last few years he has been on the road for a large dental supply firm, which interests have taken him throughout the entire United States. Dr. Stratford purchased the former M. E. Parsonage from E. M. Beers. In the spring of 1907 he started to remodel it. Today he has in this block three store rooms and two flats. The rooms are occupied by Mr. Peduzzi, Messrs. Strauss and Willer and Mr. McClure. The flats are occupied by Mr. John Dickson and wife and Mr. Peduzzi and family. The building



The Stratford Business Block

is a handsome addition to the town, being electric lighted and heated by hot water. Dr. Stratford is up-to-date and is ambitious toward the progress of the town.

#### KIEFERLE MUSIC STORE

The Kieferle music store located in the Ingwers room on Jefferson street is a branch store of F. W. Kieferle in Lewistown. Mr. Kieferle is a Mount Union boy and grew to manhood here. He launched into the music business several years ago and went to Lewistown, where he opened up quite a store. In the Mount Union branch of the business he carries a good line of musical instruments, pianos, organs, graphophones, sewing machines, etc.

#### ISAAC WORKMAN

Recently, a cash economy store has been started by Isaac Workman, a leading merchant of Orbisonia, his location being the Shaver room, formerly occupied by C. H. Weyant on Division street. Mr. Workman has already put in a good line of groceries, etc.

#### ALLEN S. WELCH

Allen S. Welch, one of Mount Union's leading business men, was born in Polo, Ill., Nov. 29, 1855, the son of David Gambel and Elizabeth (Spanogle) Welch. His parents were both natives of Huntingdon county, Pa., and were also brought up within its borders. After marriage they



Allen S. Welch



went West, and settled in Illinois, where they resided for five years. A. S. Welch was three years old when his parents returned to Pennsylvania where they resided the remainder of their days.

Mr. Welch, on his father's side is of Scotch-Irish extraction. His great-great-grandfather, (1) Noah Welch, came to America from Ireland about 1750, and settled in the vicinity of Burnt Cabins, Fulton County, Pa., Noah Welch had one son, (2) Robert Welch, who was the great-grandfather of A. S. Welch. Robert Welch married Mary Cree and was the father of four children, namely, David William, Ann and Mary. (3) David Welch the grandfather of A. S. Welch, was married twice, first to Eliza Gambel, and the second time to another Eliza Gambel, a cousin of the first wife. To his first wife, David Welch had one son, David Gambel Welch, and to his second wife he had six children, Mary, Sarah, Elizabeth, Blair, Robert and Edward. Of these six children, Blair and Edward only were married. Mary and Elizabeth live at Burnt Cabins, and Edward at Spring Run, (4) David Gambel Welch, or the only child of David Welch to his first wife, was the father of A. S. Welch, and he was born near Burnt Cabins, Jan. 1. 1834. He was a farmer throughout his life, with the exception of the time he spent in the service of his country, being a member of Co. K, 202nd Pennsylvania Volunteers. He enlisted in August, 1864, and was

honorably discharged August, 3, 1865. David G. Welch died Oct. 11, 1881, at the age of 47 years, 9 months and 10 days.

On his mother's side, Mr. Welch was of German extraction, his mother, Mrs. Eliza Welch, being a daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Long) Spanogle. Jacob Spanogle and his brother, Andrew, were two of the early settlers in Germany Valley, having come from Warriorsmark, about 1825. The great-grandfather of A. S. Welch on the maternal side, was John Spanogle, who, according to the records, purchased from William Ricketts, April 8, 1792, 388 acres of land at the mouth of Warriors Mark Run. Warriors Mark township, this county, the consideration being 15 pounds. fecie. Jacob Spanogle and Hannah Long were married March 15, 1827. Jacob Spanogle was born Nov. 16, 1801, died June 17, 1876. His wife was born, Feb. 17, 1811 and died May 19, 1882.

David Gambel Welch and wife, married on Sept. 24, 1854, had 8 children. Those living are: Allen S.; Ida. Mrs. William Minster, of Altoona; William J., and Elmer D., of Mount Union; Dorsey G., of Huntingdon. Those deceased are: Hannah, Ira, who died when quite small, and Mary Alma, wife of J. M. Lutz, who died Sept. 9, 1894. Mrs. Eliza Welch was born July 7, 1833, and died Mar. 29, 1909.

The early life of Allen S. Welch was spent on the farm in Germany





**David Gambel Welch, deceased**  
From a picture taken when 18 years old

Valley. He attended the country schools and grasped what knowledge of books he could. His education in a great measure was received in the sterner school of life, where hard work and hustle were the chief branches of study. When 12 years of age, with his father, Mr. Welch followed threshing. Later on Mr. Welch conducted the threshing business himself.

Having had an ambition to go west for some time previous, the decision was finally made, and on March 1, 1876, the subject of this sketch left the farm, boarded a train at Mount Union and landed 3 days later, at Sterling, Whiteside county, Ill. He found himself entirely among strangers in a new country with \$8.00 in cash, and in his grip his working clothes and a few trinkets placed therein by his mother back in old Pennsylvania. In Illinois Mr. Welch engaged first with a farmer for 3 months, then for a while he worked as helper to a carpenter and builder; later on he operated a stationary engine. This varied livelihood not only gained for him experience in hard work out on the frontier, but the fact that he was among strangers and remote from home gave him some knowledge of western life. Mr. Welch returned to his home in Pennsylvania in December, 1876, when he again settled down to farming and threshing. In 1879 Mr. Welch purchased the first steam threshing outfit in

the lower end of this county and operated it with success for several years. He was married March 25, 1880 to Miss Annie M. Kyper of Germany Valley. In the spring of 1881 Mr. Welch bought one of the Andrew Spanogle farms in Love Valley and located thereon, farming for himself for 1 year as well as threshing and selling mowers, reapers and grain-drills. In the spring of 1882 Mr. Welch sold his farm and moved to Mount Union. In 1885 he bought his present residence from Mr. James Barras deceased, located next door to Odd Fellows Hall.

The decision to come to Mount Union was the turning point in Mr. Welch's life. Largely through the influence of J. C. Trout, of Altoona the general agent for D. M. Osborne & Co., of Auburn, N. Y., he was induced to go into the harvesting machine business. Coming to Mount Union the following year (1882), he started in the farm implement, carriage and wagon business. His efficiency as a business man was soon recognized by the Osborne Co., and he was given the assistant general agency under Mr. Trout for the Osborne Co., which position took him on the road, mostly in the western part of the State. The following year, 1886, he was promoted to the general agency for the counties of Perry, Juniata, Mifflin, Huntingdon and

Fulton with headquarters at Mount Union, his business interests also being conducted at home during this time. After serving the Company for 2 years, and his private business interests having grown considerably, Mr. Welch decided to quit the road. He conducted business in Mount Union until Jan. 1. 1889, when he was again induced to go on the road for J. M. Childs & Co., of Utica, N. Y., manufacturers of spring-tooth harrows, plows and farm implements. This position was held but a few months when poor health caused by overwork compelled him to retire from the road and thus to return exclusively to the implement business in Mount Union. Business grew. Mr. Welch made it a success. Through hard work he supplied many farmers in this and surrounding townships with farm implements. He had a thorough knowledge of the needs of the farmer, having been acquainted with agricultural pursuits. He was somewhat of an expert with machinery and these attributes were largely conducive to his success. In 1890 Mr. Welch launched into the lumber business, purchasing from S. B. McCarthy the only lumber yard in the town. Since that date lumber has been one of his chief business interests. In 1891 Mr. Welch erected a larger building on the present site and added a hardware store. Additional ware and storage room have since that date been added and at the present

time he controls, perhaps, the largest individual business enterprise in Mt. Union.

#### **THE HARDWARE STORE**

Mr. Welch is one of the leading hardware dealers in town, his main store room being 30x50 feet and equipped with a line of shelf and heavy hardware. The store is electric lighted and steam heated. It is one of the neatest and most commodious hardware stores in this section of the county.

#### **THE IMPLEMENT BUSINESS**

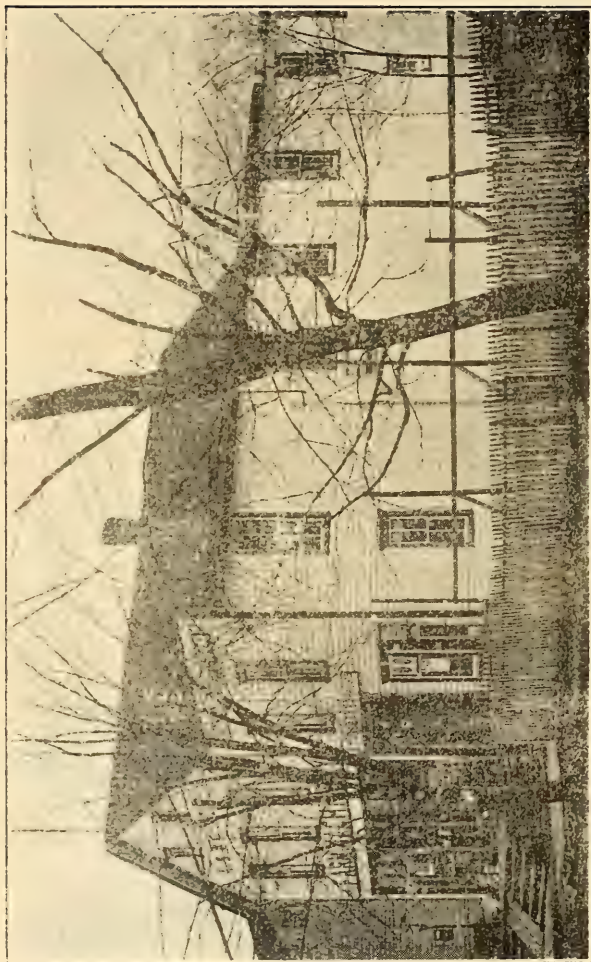
Since launching into business in 1882, Mr. Welch has aimed to carry a complete line of the leading makes of farm implements and was the distributor of the Osborne Harvesting machinery in this section for a number of years. Binders, mowers, grain-drills, plows, harrows, wagons, buggies and supplies have been connected with this line. At present he is agent for the famous Studebaker, wagons and carriages.

#### **THE LUMBER BUSINESS**

Since taking up the lumber business Mr. Welch has carried a full line of rough and dressed lumber, shingles, sash, doors, moldings, etc. The lumber yard extends back to Market street, or in other words, the business establishment extends from Shirley to Market street, covering about 22,500 sq. ft., of space.

#### **GARAGE AND PLANING MILL**

Mr. Welch started in the automobile business in 1909, having erected



Front view of the Welch Business Establishment



a building 36x60 feet adjoining his lumber yard. A garage and repair shop has been established for this business. A planing mill was also installed last year, which has done considerable work, the planes, saws and other machinery being run by an electric motor. By the means of this planing mill, he is able to turn out lumber worked into various forms.

#### **THE COAL BUSINESS**

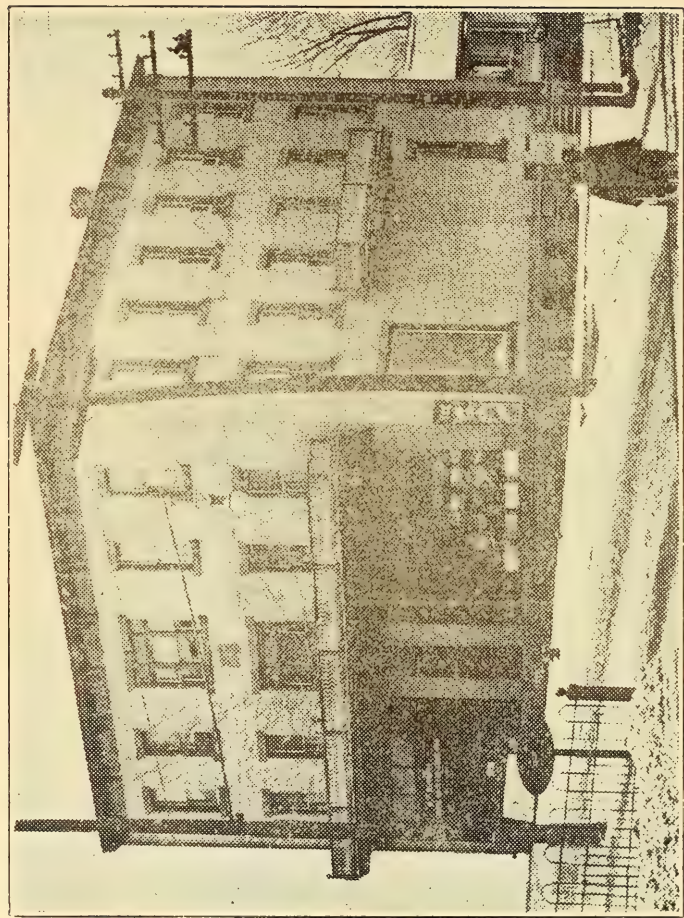
Mr. Welch entered into the coal business in 1895, and since that date has been one of the chief distributors of this commodity in this community. The coal yard is located to the east end of town, and a siding has been laid, so that both P. R. R. and E. B. T. cars may be transported and the coal dumped. Later, a line of sewer pipe, wall plaster and cement have been added to the business.

#### **THE MOUNT UNION TIMES**

Mr. Welch came into possession of the Mount Union Times in 1892 and the present management, A. S. & C. H. Welch have been in charge since Sept. 12, 1900. The Times office is equipped with up-to-date machinery, and electric motors are installed for running the presses and folder. The Times office is located in the second floor of the hardware business establishment.

#### **THE FORCE**

The employes are as follows: Stewart A. Kyper, chief clerk and Frank H. Seibert, assistant, in the store and lumber department. The teamster



The Welch Brick Corner, Jefferson St., and Pennsylvania Avenue

is Harry Oppel. The machinist and operator of the planing mill, as well as automobile repairer is Robert O. Johnson. In the printing office, the foreman is John S. Kirk, and the compositors are Lodema Hooper and William H. Seibert, Charles H. Welch, son of A. S. Welch, author and compiler of this history is associated with his father in the entire business but devotes most of his time to the editing of the Times, and overseeing the job printing department.

#### AN INFLUENTIAL MAN

Allen S. Welch, is an influential man in the community. His Scotch-Irish and German ancestry have instilled in him the energy and zeal of the former and the fearlessness and determination of the Teutonic element. Mr. Welch is a man who "does things." His keen business insight has enabled him to conduct his mercantile interests with success. He has been greatly interested in Mount Union since he came to town. He has been a promoter of every good municipal enterprise. He is one of the far-sighted citizens who believes that Mount Union ought to develop and grow, and become a bigger and better town. He has been a leader in the community. He laid the first cement pavement in Mount Union; erected the first 3-story brick building in town; owned the first automobile in the lower end of the county, and as has been stated previously, he owned and operated the first steam thresher in this section of

the county.

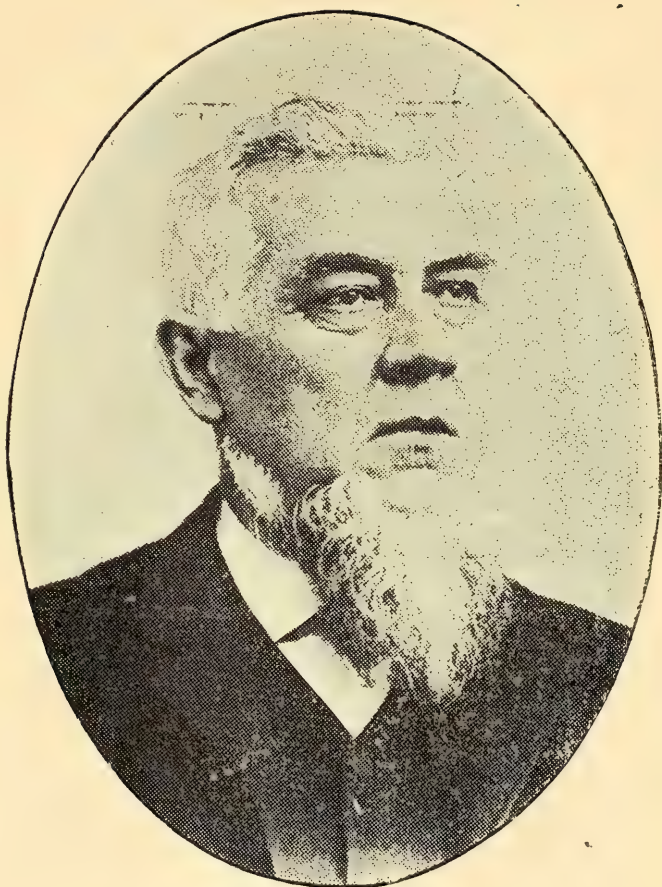
Since in the lumber business, Mr. Welch has contracted and erected 50 or more buildings, principally dwellings. Among this number were the brick building, on Jefferson Street, and the Odd Fellows' Hall. He also built two brick school houses in Shirley township

On Feb. 11, 1905 Mr. Welch bought at public sale the Geo. P. Miller farm, just southeast of Mount Union. He saw in the proposition an opportunity. Beautifully located and elevated from the river, with no possibility of inundation, he laid out a portion of this farm, into building lots, and named the new suburb, Allenport. These lots sold readily. Here was a chance for laboring men to get homes of their own. For Mr. Welch erected there a number of dwellings, and rented or sold them on easy terms. This project enabled a number of good, honest working men to get homes for themselves. Today Allenport is a credit to the man who formed it.

In 1879 A. S. Welch was township clerk of Shirley township; in 1880 he was elected tax-collector of Shirley township; in 1888 he was burgess of Mount Union; in 1891 he was on the school board; in 1895 he was elected to the town council; in 1896 he was elected one of the Board of Commissioners of Huntingdon county; in 1904 he was named as the county's choice for State Senate from this

(then the 33rd) district, but owing to the strength of Franklin county, after a long deadlock, and to maintain harmony in the party, he was induced to withdraw in favor of Hon. Alexander Stewart, of Franklin county. For several years, Mr. Welch was Chairman of the Republican County Committee of this county, and during that time, was engaged in some hard political battles and with one exception that of the late Sheriff Wilson, he brought every one of the Republican candidates through. For two sessions, Mr. Welch was Assistant Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg.

Mr. Welch is a member of the Presbyterian church, having been a member of the Board of Trustees for fifteen years. He was an active member of the Building Committee of the new Presbyterian church, being treasurer, and handling all the finances. He has been a director in the DeFrehn Chair Factory for a number of years, and was a few months ago named by the board of trustees to look after their interests. He is a member of the Heptasophs and the Sons of Veterans, being the first Captain of that organization in town. He is devoted to farming and farms himself a portion of the Allenport plot, with much pleasure. He is a contributor to various charities and is interested in every good and worthy cause. Mr. Welch believes that a thing worth doing is worth doing well. He has always been ac-



Michael H. Kyper, deceased



customed to pulling off his coat if necessary and putting a shoulder to the wheel,

Mrs. A. S. Welch is the eldest daughter of the late Michael H. Kyper of Germany Valley, Mr. Kyper was born in Hartslog Valley, Dec. 16, 1825 and died Dec. 8, 1892. He was married to Margaret Morrison, Nov. 29, 1855. He was the father of 7 children: Mrs. Welch, D. Nevin, near Huntingdon, Harry W., of Germany Valley, Charles A., of Clearfield, and Mrs. Mary M. Gifford of town. Two children are deceased, Edgar and Ella. Mrs. M. H. Kyper died Aug. 10, 1882. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. A. S. Welch was Daniel Kyper, who resided near McConnellstown, in Hartslog Valley. He was born about 1795, and besides being a master-mason, and farmer, was one of a family whose ancestry goes back to the earliest days of the settlement of Central Pennsylvania. Michael H. Kyper resided in Germany Valley for a number of years. Prior to moving into Germany Valley he resided near Newton Hamilton. He was one of the noted school and music teachers of this county in his day. He began teaching when 17 years old and with two exceptions, taught every winter until he reached the age of sixty-five. He was married in 1886 to Miss Mary Kabis, and to the second union three children have been born: Stewart A., Ethel M., and Edna F., all of Mount Union.

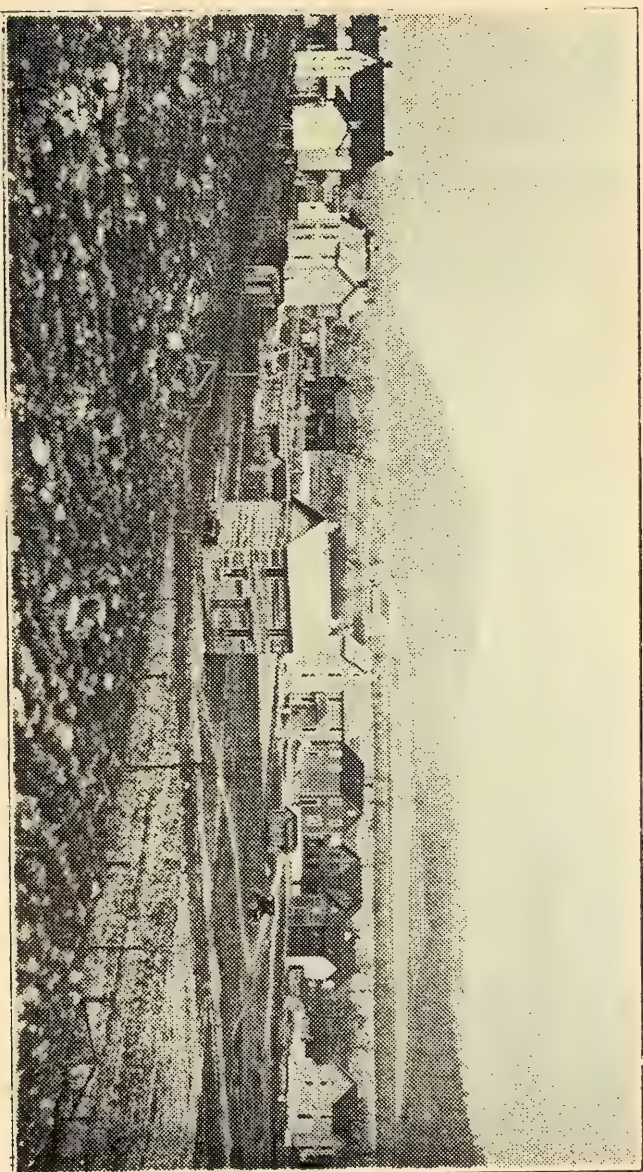
### MISCELLANEOUS

In our mention of the business men and business interests we have tried to be as thorough as possible. In addition to the large number of mercantile interests in town, there are a goodly number of laborers, carpenters, masons, brick-layers, shoemakers, etc. Mount Union is by no means behind regarding efficient workmen. Since the start of this article, Mr. Boyd, the barber, mentioned therein has sold out his equipment to Harry F. Adams of Newport, Pa.

## THE SUBURBS

### ALLENPORT

Allenport, the prominent suburb of Mount Union lying along the State road leading to Shirleysburg to the southeast, was laid out and named by Allen S. Welch. This was formerly the farm of George P. Miller, which Mr. Welch purchased at public sale, Feb. 11, 1905. A portion of it was surveyed into building lots. The location is excellent, elevated from the Juniata, but at the same time affording a fine river view. The E. B. T. R. R. passes along to the north parallel with the State road and already the city water line has been extended to the village and the streets sewerred. At the present time, Allenport contains about 25 dwellings, a grocery store, the seed store and greenhouse of C. S. Fouse,



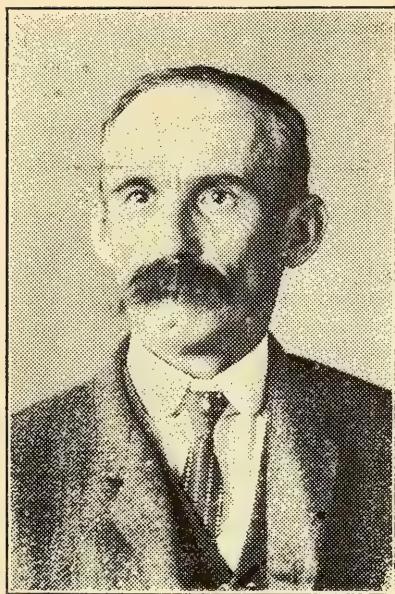
Partial View of Allenport

a schoolhouse and at present a Methodist church is being erected, the corner-stone having been laid Dec. 5, 1909. In addition to the lands of A. S. Welch, lots have also been sold by Lloyd S. Bare, off his farm, adjoining of the former Shaver farm, and already a number of dwellings have thereon been erected. The plant of the Juniata Oak Extract Co., is located just south of the village, which adds much to its importance. There are a number of enterprising citizens there already who are anxious to make the suburb a success. Quite a portion of ground is yet reserved by Mr. Welch in Allenport, which he farms annually with good results. Allenport has a brilliant future.

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#### C. S. FOUSE

C. S. Fouse, Mt. Union's florist, located in Allenport was born in Huston township, Blair county, Dec. 28, 1851. When 8 months old, his mother died and he was placed in the hands of his grandparents, Edward and Susanna Duncan, who took him to Marklesburg. Here Mr. Fouse was reared on a farm, where he learned something of agriculture and plants. When 21 he started out for himself, and entering the office of Dr. A. J. Pile in New Galilee, Pa., decided to study medicine. Relinquishing medicine soon after, he took up the carpenter trade. But he found his "hobby" when he began to study the merits and demerits of plants, and he later took a course in Agricultural Chemistry



**C. S. Fouse**

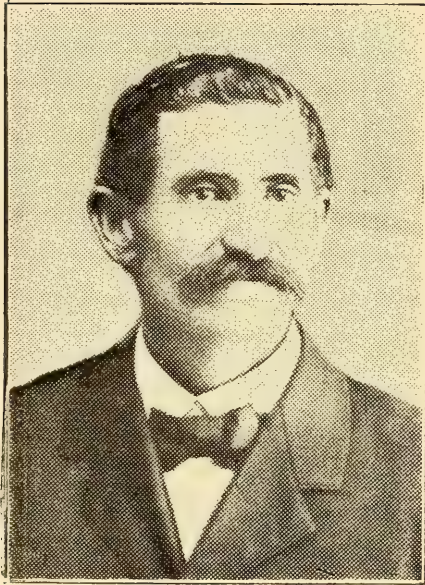
flowers, seeds and plants. Mr. Fouse, belongs to the M. E. church, also the F. A. & I. U. He was married April 1, 1877 and is the father of three children, Marcus of Huntingdon, Mrs. J. H. Smith of Monongahela City and Lulu at home.

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**JOS. W. CRAWFORD, DECEASED**

Jos. W. Crawford, one of the first men to locate in Allenport, and the first man to open up a store there, died July 30, 1909. Mr. Crawford was a native of this township, being born





### J. A. Crawford, deceased

near Otelia. Dec. 25, 1858. He married Jennie Jackson. Mr. Crawford during his lifetime, with his family resided in Warren county, in Altoona and in Perry county, prior to coming to this section in 1906. He was an earnest, religious man and a public spirited citizen. His store is now run by his sons and widow. They carry a line of groceries and confections, etc.



### NORTH MOUNT UNION

North Mount Union is all that part of Mount Union Borough, lying between the new railroad line and the Juniata river and contains about 200 acres. It was formerly all cultivated lands and comprised the farms of Wm. Shaver, father of Mrs. W. T. Sheaffer of town, and of Nicholas Shaver, father of Mrs. Ada Fultz and D. E. Shaver of town. In addition to this, North Mount Union includes the farm formerly owned by Mrs. Jane Ann Speer. Later the farm of Alexander Maxwell, also a small tract at one time belonging to the Faust Brothers, tanners. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has acquired the Faust lands and 18 acres of the Maxwell lands adjoining, which includes Mount Union's Athletic Field, kindly given by the railroad. The Railroad also acquired the holdings of W. T. Sheaffer and Mrs. W. T. Sheaffer on the east side, with the exception of 6 acres upon which a dwelling and an orchard are located. Colonel and Mrs. Bare retain one half of the Nicholas Shaver farm, purchased of them from the late Dr. Lewis Royer covering about 35 acres of fine building sites. This is exceptionally valuable as manufacturing sites, because of the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks running the entire length and the proximity

of the Juniata River. That part of Alexander Maxwell's lands lying between Washington and Division Streets, and extending to the Juniata river, containing about 60 acres, has been plotted into building lots, with streets and alleys. These are entered on the plans of Mount Union Borough as the Alexander Maxwell addition thereto, and the first and the second additions of John C. Appleby to the Borough of Mount Union. The cross streets are as follows, beginning nearest the railroad: Poplar, Walnut, Chestnut, Pine, Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and Kane Streets. This portion of the town dates from 1903 and is about 6 years old. The improvements and buildings consist of a complete creosoting plant, previously mentioned in this history, which industry represents an investment of \$50,000, and a tie yard containing room for a million ties. This is located on the former Sheaffer lands. On the two blocks lying between Washington and Division Streets there are 50 dwellings and a population of 250 people. There are also two concrete buildings, and a block manufactory operated by C. B. Crum, and Charles F. Bilger. There is also a machine shop operated by A. W. Fisher, a machinist of considerable skill, who conducts a successful business. The concrete business is one that is coming into great prominence today.

### JEFFERSON HEIGHTS

Jefferson Heights, a suburb of town to the west, has been in existence since August 31, 1905, on which day the Union Realty Corporation held a lot sale of the plot and named the location "Jefferson Heights." Many persons bought lots thereon and at the present time, there are a number of homes erected thereon. Jefferson Heights was formerly the farm of Alexander Maxwell, previously the Smawley tract and prior to that date the old Pollock farm. It is elevated from the town proper and affords a fine view of Mount Union and the surrounding territory.

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### CEDARCREST

Cedarcrest is the new additional suburb to Mount Union, located on the north side of the river and facing town. It is situated at the foot of the mountain and a beautiful site. There are 110 lots laid out and a number of them have been sold. The ground belongs to Dr. A. R. McCarthy. The agent in charge of the selling of the lots is E. Clark Fields.



## MT. UNION BOYS WHO HAVE MADE GOOD

### THE POSTLETHWAITE BROTHERS

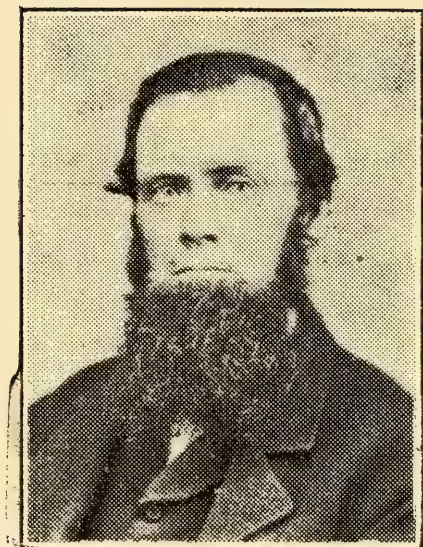
Mount Union can well be proud of the fact that she has sent out a family of distinguished sons like those of the late Andrew Jackson Postlethwaite. While these brothers are not all natives of Mount Union, nevertheless, they grew to manhood in this town and it was here that they were nurtured and brought up. They enjoyed looking upon these picturesque mountains and appreciated the magnificent scenic effects to be found amid this region. Though they have gone out to various fields of labor, notwithstanding the fact that several of them have well advanced along life's pathway, they still hold in precious memory Mount Union, and they are deeply interested in anything which pertains to the success and prosperity of this the town of their boyhood.

The Postlethwaite boys are striking examples of self-made men. As poor boys, they have achieved success and honor in the world and the acquisition of this distinction has been the result of their devotion to duty, diligence in the thing which came firsthand to them, and in their straightforwardness and zeal. The Postlethwaite boys were bred under

Christian influences and to this characteristic is largely due, perhaps, the conscientiousness found in each one of these brothers. Mount Union will ever be dear to them, likewise to many others who were reared here and have gone out to find their homes in other sections of the country—dear because of the pleasant reminiscences that cluster about the old place. The world truly has need of the young men, who possess energy and ability to do things, who have a mind and conscience to perceive and to feel and to understand as well as follow that which is right, and there is a great need today as in the past, for the man possessing these vital and fundamental attributes, for by him the country can be swayed, men and women can be influenced, and the world made better.

#### THEIR ANCESTRY

Postlethwaite is a name very widely known throughout Pennsylvania and particularly in Lancaster county. Originally the Postlethwaites came from England. The great-great-grand father of the Postlethwaite brothers was one of the early settlers of Lancaster County, Pa., and in 1729 history tells us that in his house, called "Postlethwaite's Tavern," was held the first Courts under the Crown in that county, and on his farm was erected the first court-house and jail; he was also one of the first wardens of Saint James Church at Lancaster.



**J. A. J. Postlethwaite**

The great-grandfather of the Postlethwaite brothers was John Postlethwaite, who was born in 1736 in Lancaster county. John Postlethwaite was a vestryman of Saint James Parish from 1758 to 1765, and he was in military service in the War of the American Revolution. His home was in Lancaster and Dauphin counties until 1789, when he settled in Mifflin county, Pa., and the farm which he then purchased is now owned by his great-grandchildren. John Postlethwaite, just mentioned, was married first to Han-



nah Wright, the children being: Col. William Postlethwaite, mentioned on Page 112 of this book, John, who resided in Jefferson county, and Susan, who died young. The second time John Postlethwaite was married to a Miss Irvin, and his children to the second wife were: Thomas Irvin, Samuel, Mary, Jane, and Elizabeth. Thomas Irvin Postlethwaite, the first of the children of John Postlethwaite to his second wife, was born in 1779, and he was the grandfather of the Postlethwaite brothers, the particular subjects of this sketch. Thomas Irvin Postlethwaite held various positions in Mifflin county, was a member of the State Legislature, and was an esteemed citizen.

James Andrew Postlethwaite, the father of the Postlethwaite brothers, was born in Mifflin County, July 4, 1823. He was married to Elizabeth Jane Gayton, and was the father of 8 children. Those surviving are: Albert Gayton Postlethwaite; John Calvin Postlethwaite; Edward Thomas Postlethwaite; Clarence Elmer Postlethwaite; Mary Ann, Mrs. Henry McGarvey, of Mount Union; Laura Jane, Mrs. J. Morrison Ewing, of Newport, Pa.; Jessie Blanche, Mrs. J. Lewis Van Tine, M. D., of Philadelphia; William Postlethwaite, the fourth son of the family, is deceased.

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#### JAMES ANDREW JACKSON POSTLETHWAITE

James Andrew Jackson Postle-

thwaite, the father of the Postlethwaite brothers, the subjects of this sketch, was born in Mifflin county, July 4, 1823 and died in Altoona, Pa., Oct. 19, 1879. When a young man he learned the trade of carpenter, but the greater part of his life was spent as a farmer and in the middle of the State, in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Pennsylvania Canal, in which services he held responsible positions. Mr. Postlethwaite was an elder in the Presbyterian church for many years as well as Superintendent in the Sunday school. He was also a Justice of the Peace in Huntingdon county. Early in manhood he married Elizabeth Jane Gayton, sister of the late Wm. C. Gayton of Mount Union, (a daughter of John Gayton of Irish ancestry.) Jackson Postlethwaite was for a number of years a resident of Mount Union. A great portion of the time here he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., he having served several years in the Freight Department. He was a peculiarly sensitive man, a man of high ideals and lofty and noble character. He was well worthy the esteem of his excellent family. His wife, Elizabeth Jane Postlethwaite, was a woman of great dignity of character, a devout Christian and loyal to the principles of Calvinism. As a true blue Presbyterian, she was drilled in the articles of faith enunciated in the Westminster Catechism. The passing out

of the life of Jackson Postlethwaite was truly characteristic of the ending of a noble Christian career. This end came on Oct. 19, 1879.

#### **Albert Gayton Postlethwaite**

Albert Gayton Postlethwaite, the eldest son of J. A. J. Postlethwaite was born Jan. 28, 1845, in Wayne township, Mifflin county. Most of his early life was spent on the farm and in Huntingdon county, where the family located in 1851. He attended the public schools in Wayne township in Huntingdon county, at Corbin's school house, at Mapleton, and at Mount Union. On March 27, 1851 Robert Laughlin, teacher of the school in Wayne township, gave Mr. Postlethwaite a certificate, of which the following is a copy. "This is to certify that Albert G. Postlethwaite is an expert and dutiful scholar and obedient to his teacher."

The Postlethwaite family moved to Mount Union in 1855 to the Shaver farm at the lower end of town. The first work away from home done by the subject of this sketch was in August, 1857 in the capacity of water carrier for the workmen engaged in the re-building of a portion of the Aughwick dam in the Juniata River near Newton Hamilton, with the exception of four winter terms and a period of service in the Civil War. Mr. Postlethwaite continued in the employ of the canal companies until the close of naviga-



Albert Gayton Postlethwaite

tion in 1875, serving in various capacities—the last 7 years as collector of canal tolls at Northumberland, Pa. This position was resigned to accept employment with the Erie R. R. Co., in the office of the Superintendent of Motive Power at Susquehanna Depot, Pa. After 3 months service, Mr. Postlethwaite was appointed shop clerk of the eastern car shops of the Company in Jersey City, which position he resigned in February, 1877, for a place in the office of the General Manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co; he continued in service there until July 1, 1883, when he became Comptroller of the Saint Paul and Northern Pacific Railway Co., with offices at Saint Paul, Minn. He remained at Saint Paul until the spring of 1897, when he returned to Philadelphia. During his residence in the West he was also Land Commissioner of the Saint Paul & Northern Pacific Railway Co., and after resigning the office of Comptroller of that Company he served for several years as General Land Agent of the Northern Pacific R. R. Co., He was a member of the Board of Education of the city of Saint Paul, Minn., from 1886 until 1891—five terms; was President of the Board for two terms and declined a third term owing to pressing business cares.

His military service was in the Twenty-Second Pennsylvania Volunteers, Private in Company D., and was subsequently promoted to be Sergeant-Major; he served with his com-

mand in Southern Pennsylvania, Maryland and in the Shenandoah and Loudon Valleys in Virginia; he was mustered out with his regiment in February, 1864.

On May 1, 1866 Mr. Postlethwaite married Miss Elizabeth R. Shirey of Greencastle, Pa. Of their marriage there are 3 daughters, Laura F., at home; Amy G., Mrs. Gerald W. Massy Little Falls, Minn., and Nellie, Mrs. Thomas K. Baker of Tenafly, N. J.

Mr. Postlethwaite is now a resident of the city of Passaic, N. J., and is engaged with a prominent mercantile firm in New York.

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#### JOHN CALVIN POSTLETHWAITE

John Calvin Postlethwaite was born near Newton Hamilton, Pa., Aug. 22, 1848. When quite small the family moved to Mount Union, and it was here that he grew to manhood. He attended the public schools of this community, but like many other prominent men of the country, his book learning was limited and his chief education was received in the sterner school of life. For he was only 12 years old when he began work as a water boy and timekeeper for the Pennsylvania Canal Co., At the age of 14 he entered the machine shops of the same company as an apprentice. During the Battle of Gettysburg these shops were closed and he was thus compelled to seek employment elsewhere, and for a while he was a clerk in a general store, in which capacity he received





John Calvin Postlethwaite

a good business education.

About this time the West was offering opportunities to the young men of the East, who were willing to dare and do, hence Mr. Postlethwaite took Greeley's advice and went West where he received employment in the first bank of Central Kansas—The Blue Valley Bank at Manhattan. Here he was cashier and bookkeeper. In 1870 Mr. Postlethwaite homesteaded land in Jewell county and held the same under 6 months' rule until the spring of 1872, when he took up permanent residence thereon. From the time he uttered the first public prayer in Jewell county at the first Fourth of July celebration in 1870, he has been closely identified with the political financial and religious interests of that county. In 1880 he organized the Jewell County Bank at Jewell City, but disposed of his interests 4 years later. In 1873 he was admitted to the bar as an Attorney-at-law, and in 1878 he opened a law office in Jewell City. This he still maintains, conducting a large and lucrative practice throughout the north-western part of the State. In 1899 he was appointed by Gov. Stanley as one of the judges of the court of Visitation, a court to take the place of the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

Mr. Postlethwaite was a member of the Presbyterian church from his youth. He assisted in the organization of the First Presbyterian church

of Manhattan, Kan., where he was its first superintendent. He was a member also of the Board of Trustees and assisted in the erection of a large stone church building in Manhattan. Later he assisted in the organization of a Presbyterian church in Jewell City, and was one of its elders. This church disbanded in 1878, whereupon Judge Postlethwaite united with the Methodist church in Jewell City, and with this sect he has been actively associated ever since, having been Superintendent of the Sunday school for 21 years. He has been a trustee in Baker University, Kansas, a trustee of the Kansas Wesleyan University, President of the Northwest Kansas, M. E. Conference Epworth League and President of the State Epworth League.

Judge Postlethwaite was married to Miss Louisa D. McClung of Manhattan, and is the father of 4 sons and 1 daughter, Robert C., Lawyer; member of the firm of J. C. Postlethwaite & Son; Jessie, Mrs. Andrew H. Miller of Formoso, Kan.; William C., Cashier of the Formoso State Bank; John L., and Frank M.

Judge Postlethwaite is actively identified with the Masonic order, being one of the first members of this organization in Kansas. Besides being engaged in the practice of law, he is President of the First National Bank of Formoso, Vice-President of the First National Bank of Jewell City, Director of the First National

Bank of Beloit, and is interested in a couple of farms and a lot of stock. He is one of Mount Union's boys, who has made good. He resides in Jewell City at the present time.

#### **EDWARD T. POSTLETHWAITE**

Edward Thomas Postlethwaite, the third son of Andrew J. Postlethwaite, at the present time assistant to President McCrea of the Pennsylvania railroad, was born near Newton Hamilton, July 4, 1850. His boyhood days were spent to a large extent in Mount Union, and early in life he entered the service of the Canal Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad (1863) as timekeeper and later as clerk in the Chief Engineer's office at Harrisburg. He was assistant collector at Columbia and collector at Lock Haven, and commenced his railroad service at York in the Motive Power Department of the Northern Central. He was transferred, later, however, to the office of Frank Thomson, Superintendent of Motive Power at Altoona, Mr. Postlethwaite continued with Mr. Thomson through the various positions of General Manager, Vice-President, and President of the P. R. R. Co. He was appointed assistant to President of the Pennsylvania Railroad on Feb. 10, 1897, and this position he still holds with acceptance and ability. He married Eliza F. Denning of Harrisburg, Pa., and he has one son, William Wallace Postlethwaite, who is in business at Colorado Springs, Col.



Edward Thomas Postlethwaite

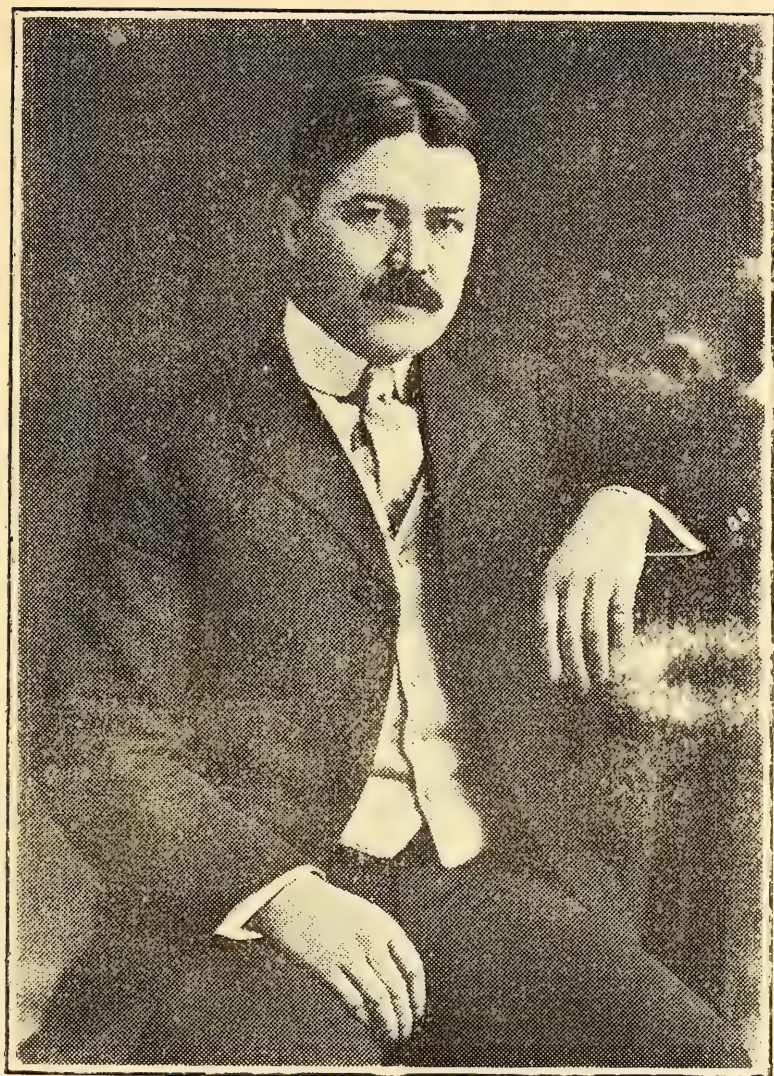


**CLARENCE E. POSTLETHWAITE**

Clarence E. Postlethwaite was born Aug. 19, 1865 in Mount Union. He attended the Mount Union public schools from 1871 to 1878. It was here that his boyhood days were spent and the recollections of those early days are still held in precious memory to him. He moved to Altoona with the family in 1878 and he graduated from the public schools of Altoona on May 25, 1883. Mr. Postlethwaite entered the service of the P. R. R. in June, 1883 as a rodman on an engineer corps. He learned telegraphy while going to school and early in 1884 accepted a position as telegraph operator in Altoona Yard (Penna. R. R.) He was promoted to the main telegraph office at Altoona, September, 1886. Following this he became clerk in the superintendent's office in 1887. On Jan. 1, 1890 he was promoted to the position of car clerk of the Pennsylvania Railroad Division.

Mr. Postlethwaite married Charlotte L. Stratton, March 27, 1890. He accepted a position as Chief Clerk to the General Superintendent of the Norfolk & Western R. R., and moved to Roanoke, Va., October, 1890. In the summer of 1897, however, steel cars were first manufactured in this country by the Schoen Pressed Steel Car Co. Mr. Postlethwaite accepted a position with this Company in October, 1897. The Schoen Pressed Steel Car Co., was afterwards merged into



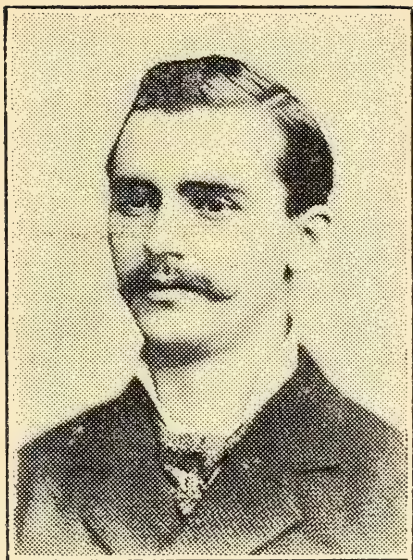


Clarence Elmer Postlethwaite

the Pressed Steel Car Co., and for this latter Co. Mr. Postlethwaite is at the present time manager of Sales of the Central District with his office in Pittsburg. Mr. Postlethwaite's residence is in Sewickley, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburg. He has 3 children Edna, Virginia and Clarence Gayton.

#### **WILLIAM F. POSTLETHWAITE**

William F. Postlethwaite, deceased, was born in Mount Union, May 15, 1856. He died in Philadelphia Jan. 15, 1882 at the age of 25 years and 8 months. Mr. Postlethwaite's early life was spent in Mount Union, and when 14 years old he went as a clerk for W. C. Gayton on the North Branch Canal. He was later appointed a clerk in the Collector's office at Beach Haven, a position which he relinquished later to join an engineer corps. Mr. Postlethwaite afterwards had charge of the Express office in Mount Union for John Dougherty. He was afterwards appointed clerk in the Motive Power office at Altoona. In this position he was promoted several times and before long in this career he was made Chief Clerk in the Master Mechanic's office, a position which he filled faithfully for several years, leaving it only to take the position of Chief Clerk in the office of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Division of the P. W. & E. R. R. in Philadelphia. Mr. Postlethwaite was an indefatigable worker. But he became a victim of pneu-



**William F. Postlethwaite**

monia. He died at the residence of his brother, Edward in Philadelphia Jan. 15, 1882. He was an earnest Christian and a young man, who had a very brilliant future before him when death called him. His remains were interred in the Oak Ridge cemetery, Altoona.

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**HON. ROBERT W. SPEER**

Mount Union is proud of the fact that she nurtured and sent forth a man like Mayor R. W. Speer of Denver Col. Born in Cassville, this county. early in life Mr. Speer was brought





**Hon. Robert W. Speer**  
Mayor of Denver, Colorado

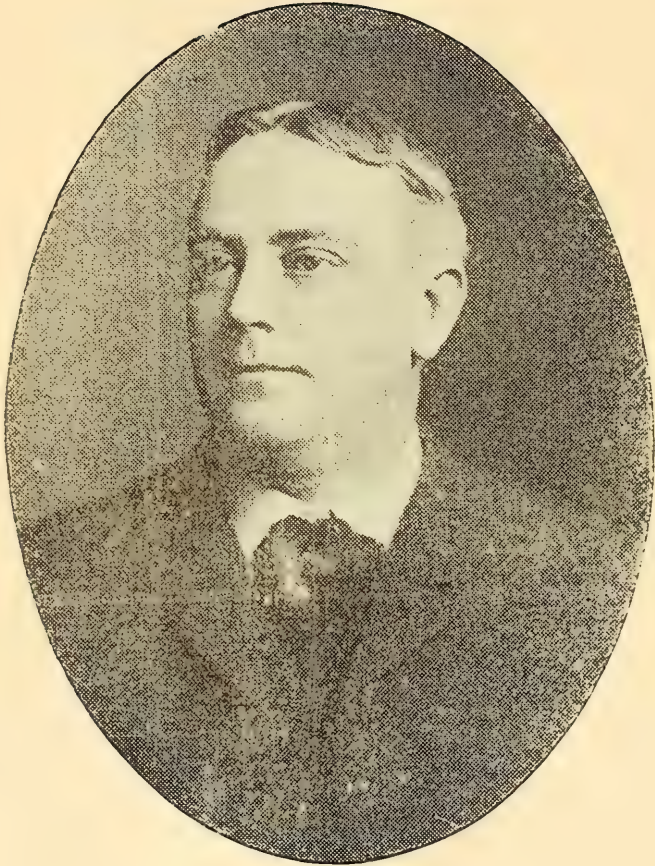
By his parents to Mount Union. Here they resided and in this place the Mayor was brought up. Like other boys, he enjoyed the sports incident to boyhood and tramped over these hills and mountains with a great deal of pleasure. Mayor Speer, when a young man, was ticket agent at Shirlleysburg also was Adams Express agent here for a number of years, but owing to the condition of his health he was compelled to seek another climate, and Colorado being the most suitable for the recuperation of his weakened constitution he went thither. Since being in Denver, Mayor Speer has won for himself a name that is national. He has been a man who has done things, a man of remarkable personality and exceptional executive ability. Mayor Speer is at the head of a city which stands exclusive amid the cities of the west; in fact, Denver, and the way it is governed is an object lesson to the cities and towns of the United States. Mayor Speer was a son of George and Jane Speer and the Speer family for many years resided in the brick house now owned and occupied by Harvey Bennett on Pennsylvania avenue, this town. The public record of Mayor Robert W. Speer is as follows: City Clerk of the City of Denver, elected by City Council, term from April 10, 1884 to April 10, 1885: United States Postmaster of Denver by the appointment of President Cleveland, from Aug. 1, 1885 to June

30. 1889; a member of the Fire & Police Board of the city of Denver, appointed by the governor at that time, who was John L. Routt, term from March 10, 1891 to April 3, 1893; Police Commissioner and Ex-Officio member of the Fire & Police Board by the then governor, Alva Adams, term extending from Apr., 1897 to Apr. 1899; Fire Commissioner and Ex-Officio member of Fire & Police Board of the City of Denver, appointed by then governor, Charles S. Thomas, the term extending from April, 1901; President of the Board of Public Works of the City of Denver, appointed by then governor, James B. Orman, term extending from June 1, 1901, continuing under provisions of Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Colorado as such President of the Board of Public Works for the City and County of Denver until June 1, 1904. Hon. Robert W. Speer was elected Mayor of the City and County of Denver under the provisions of the charter adopted by a vote of the people June 1, 1904. His first term expired June 1, 1908 and he was re-elected at the expiration of this term for another 4 years, his second term to expire June 1, 1912. Mayor Speer is a remarkable man, a leader in his city and in the west, and deserves the highest congratulations by his old home town Mount Union.



**HON.. FRANK ADAMS**

Hon. J. Frank Adams, who has become one of the leading attorneys of the City of Denver, is a son, of Hon. Thomas H. Adams and wife of Mount Union, having been born and raised in this town. Senator Adams in his early days assisted his father in the mercantile business up until the age of 14, at which time he was sent to the Lawrenceville school at Lawrenceville, N. J. Mr. Adams, however, had attended the public schools of Mount Union prior to going away, but owing to the incompleteness of the course of study and because of the fact that our schools at that time were not yet graded, Mr. Adams sought learning elsewhere. Leaving Lawrenceville school, Senator Adams entered Princeton University, from which he graduated, and after his graduation he entered the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania. After equipping himself for the practice of law, he sought Denver as a suitable place to embark in this profession. Rapidly indeed has Mr. Adams risen in the political circles of Denver. He was a member of the House of Representatives of Colorado in the 12th General Assembly in 1899; he was Senator from the First Senatorial District in the 13th and 14th General Assemblies in 1901 and 1903; he was named a member of the Civil Service Commission, for the City and County of Denver in their present charter adopted in 1904



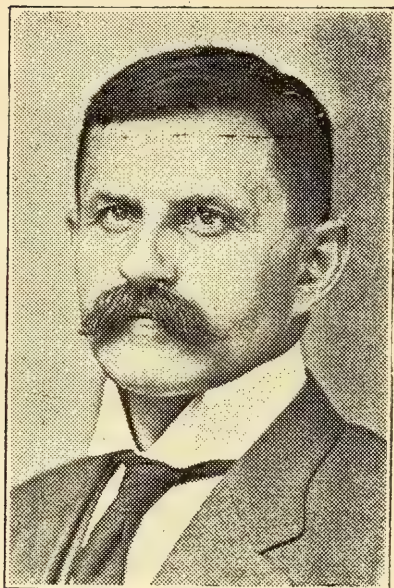
Hon. Frank Adams

and has been President of the Civil Service Commission since 1906. His term expires in 1912. Mr. Adams was assistant attorney for the city of Denver in 1899 and 1900. At present he is assistant attorney for the City and County of Denver, having been appointed in 1904. He is a director of the Denver Athletic Club, having been elected in 1907. This is a club of 1100 members. Senator Adams is also a charter member and one of the directors of the Colorado Golf Club, having been elected in 1908. This is a country club with 250 members. As a Mount Union boy, who has made good in the far west, Mr. Adams stands side by side with Mayor Speer. He controls a large and lucrative law business and is well and popularly known not only in this city but throughout the State. Mount Union is proud of the fact that she has sent forth a man who is able to soar so high in the political and civic life of this great city of the West.

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#### JOHN ALBERT SMITH

John Albert Smith, a son of the late Philip and Margaret Smith, deceased of Mount Union, and brother of Mrs. George Lukens of town, was born in Blacklog Valley, Oct. 26, 1868. He was 4 years old when his parents moved to Mount Union, and it was here that he spent his boyhood days, and attended the public schools. Mr. Smith learned telegraphy early in



Albert Smith

life under Miss Rose Boyle, who was then in charge of the office at this place. He left Mount Union for the West at an early age, worked at different places as operator. He was married to Miss Lina Ferg and to that union were born 5 children, 2 girls and 3 boys. From the West he moved to Norfolk, Va., where he was employed on the Norfolk & Western Railroad. He later was employed on different railroads as train dispatcher and yard master. Two years ago the United States government sent him to Panama as Manager of the

Panama R. R., and on Dec. 1, 1909 he was promoted to be General Superintendent of the Panama R. R. and Steamship Lines. The success that Mr. Smith has achieved is worthy the commendation of the town of his boyhood.

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### J. BRUCE DAVIS

J. Bruce Davis was born in Newton Hamilton, Pa., Jan. 22, 1870. Mr. Davis is a son of Patrick and Mary Davis (deceased). The family came to Mount Union, when Mr. Davis was four years old, and it was here that the subject of this sketch grew to manhood. Mr. Davis attended the public schools until 17 years old, when he entered the employ of the Central Banking Company, as teller, and with that concern he remained until 1901 when he took charge of the Orbisonia Bank at Orbisonia, Pa. as assistant cashier. Mr. Davis is an efficient man in the banking business and his efficiency was characteristic of his long time with the Central. He remained in Orbisonia until July 8, 1903 when he accepted the cashiership of the Reedsville National Bank where he is located today. Mr. Davis is also cashier for the Belleville Deposit Bank and the Milroy Banking Company in addition to the Reedsville National, and all told, he is a very busy man. He is an excellent citizen and a needed man in the community. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.





**J. Bruce Davis**

Mr. Davis was married to Miss Ida Shaver, June 4, 1895, and is the father of one son, Jesse Bruce, Jr.

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**STERRETT DRAKE**

D. Sterrett Drake was a resident of Mount Union in 1873 and 1874, being employed as a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. Mr. Drake was born in the old Drake homestead in Long Hollow near to Mount Union, in 1854. His father, Thomas I. Drake, deceased, was born in the same house. This





**D. S. Drake**

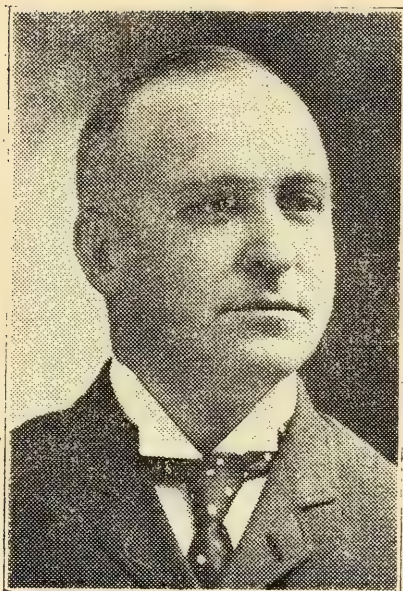
was the home also of James Drake, the grandfather. The building was torn down during the past summer by George Drake, now residing in Long Hollow, who owns the farm at this time. D. S. Drake is the great grandson of Samuel Drake, Sr., who established Drake's Ferry in the Narrows, west of Mount Union bridge in the year 1783—previously mentioned in this article. He came here from the state of New Jersey, being born about the year 1754. He was supposed to have been a descendant of the family of the famous Sir Francis Drake, whose nephew emigrated

to the state of New Jersey in the year 1700.

D. S. Drake, after working for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., a number of years, embarked in the telephone business in 1881, and he was the pioneer of the telephone business in this section of the country. Mr. Drake resigned this position with the telephone company a year ago, at which time he engaged with the Raystown Water Power Co., who are building at the present time a large hydro-electric dam at Hawn's bridge on the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River. Mr. Drake is a very active citizen, at the present time located in Huntingdon. He is also identified with the New Era Publishing Co., being Vice President and Director. As yet he has considerable interests with the rural telephone companies of the county, which he has been largely instrumental in building up.

#### EDWARD L. FIELDS

Edward L. Fields, at present Passenger Conductor on the Middle Division of the P. R. R., was born Sept. 15, 1869 on the Fields homestead east of Mount Union in Mifflin county. He is a son of George L. Fields of town and a grandson of Ellsha Fields, deceased, previously mentioned in this history. When about 2 years old his parents moved to the house where his father still resides on Market street. Mr. Fields attended



Edward L. Fields

the Mount Union schools and when 15 years of age he started to learn telegraphy with W. W. Stewart, who was then operator for the P. R. R. Co., at this place. In March 20, 1885 he entered the service of the P. R. R. Co., as an extra operator. In December 1885 he was made regular night operator at Mount Union. In September 1888 Mr. Fields was transferred to the Yard Master's office in Altoona. In December, 1888, he was transferred to Bellwood. On March, 15, 1889 he was transferred to Harrisburg and

entered the train service on the Middle Division as Passenger Brakeman. He remained in this position until he was appointed Passenger Conductor on May 1, 1903, with the exception of about 2 years when he was acting night station master at Harrisburg. Mr. Fields was married to Miss Laura M. Stewart, daughter of Alexander Stewart, formerly of Mount Union. They are comfortably located in Harrisburg, own their own home and considerable real estate besides. Mr. Fields is an energetic conscientious gentleman and during his time on the railroad has always been faithful to his employers and has yet his first time to receive a reprimand of any kind. Mr. Fields is a member of the Ridge Avenue Methodist church of Harrisburg. He is also a member of several fraternal organizations, among which are the Masonic Fraternity, Jr. O. U. A. M. and several others. Mr. Fields is one of the Mount Union boys who has made good in the service of the greatest railroad system in the world.

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#### HARRY C. KIEFERLE

Harry C. Kieferle was born in Middletown, Dauphin County, Pa., June 13, 1870. Although born on the "unlucky" 13th, he takes consolation in the fact that General Winfield Scott was born on the same day of the month, and many other great men have also made their advent into the world on this suspicious day. Mr.



Harry C. Kieferle

Kieferle entered the parochial school of Saint Michael's Evangelical Lutheran church of Harrisburg when 5 years of age, where he studied both English and German. When 6 years old his father and mother moved with his brother and sister and himself to Newport. On April 2, 1877 the Kieferle family came to Mount Union and they have resided here ever since. A. F. H. Kieferle is the father of Harry C. Kieferle and is one of Mount Union's oldest citizens. H. C. Kieferle entered the primary depart-

ment of the town schools, where he attended for a couple years. Leaving school in his 15th year, he entered the office of the MOUNT UNION TIMES, as an apprentice, then edited by I. N. Swope of the Mapleton Item and also Prothonotary of this county, at the present time. Mr. Kieferle entered the printing trade, learned the art under the foremanship of one of the State's best printers, W. W. Winskey, now of Altoona. When 20 years old he went to Philadelphia, where he extended his career as a journeyman printer. He was employed successively on the Press, Record and Times, after which he went to New York City, where he was employed for a short time on the Herald and later on the Morning Advertiser. In 1894 and '95 he was employed for 20 months in the office of the Port Royal Times under J. W. Speddy. He then spent about a year at home during 1896, and then worked in various offices in the Juniata Valley, also assisting his brother in opening of the Lewistown Music Store in the fall of 1897. In 1898 Mr. Kieferle enlisted in Co. G, of the 5th Regiment, Penna. Volunteers as a private, after having raised a Volunteer Co. in Lewistown, of the Spanish American War. He was honorably discharged and mustered out Nov. 9, 1898. Since that time he has been employed at his trade in various parts of the Union, having worked over two-thirds of the United States and visited Canada, Cuba and Europe. Mr.



Kieferle has at different times assisted on the MOUNT UNION TIMES when at home as compositor and writer, and also assisted his brother William in conducting the music business, for the past 3 years. Since returning from Europe he has been located much of the time in New York with the Wm. Green Sons, printers, binders and electrotypers. Mr. Kieferle has been a member of the Presbyterian church since 14 years old, at which time he united under the pastorate of Rev. D. H. Campbell, D. D.

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#### HARRY A. BELL

Harry A. Bell, cashier of the Farmers National Bank of Canton, Pa. was born Jan 1, 1883 in Mount Union, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bell. Mr. Bell spent his early life at home and assisted his father in the bank for a number of years. He attended our public schools and graduated therefrom in 1898. He entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1899 and graduated therefrom in 1903. Mr. Bell taught in Woodstock, Va., and later at the Perkiomen Seminary at Perkiomenville. Relinquishing teaching, Mr. Bell entered into the banking business and for awhile was assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Bedford. In 1905 he was chosen as the cashier of the Citizens National Bank at Middletown, Pa. He was married to Miss Mary J. Denmy of Middletown, on June 8.



Harry A. Bell



Jesse G. Bell

1908. Mr. Bell is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Bell has one daughter, Maude Jeanette Bell.

NOTE:—Since the above sketch was written, Mr. Bell has been appointed Cashier of the National Iron Bank of Pottstown, Pa.

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#### JESSE G. BELL.

Jesse G. Bell, another son of W. J. Bell of town, at the present time cashier of the First National Bank of Weatherly, Pa., was born in Mount Union, May 28, 1884. Mr. Bell graduated at the Mount Union Public schools, and like his other brothers assisted his father in the Central Bank of this place, where he got the fundamentals of his banking knowledge. Mr. Bell was with the Westinghouse people in Pittsburg and later was called here to become the assistant cashier at the Central Bank. He also spent some time at Franklin and Marshall College. Mr. Bell went to Saxton in the spring of 1905, where he was called to the cashiership of the First National Bank of that place. In 1907 he was chosen as the cashier of the First National Bank at Weatherly, Pa. He was married to Miss Olive B. Bachert, Mr. Bell is a member of the Presbyterian church.

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#### W. BATES BELL

W. Bates Bell, third son of W. T. Bell of town, is also a banker, at the present time being assistant cash-



W. Bates Bell

ier of the Orbisonia Bank, Orbisonia, Pa. Mr. Bell was born in Mount Union, June 18, 1886. He attended the Public schools and graduated therefrom in 1905. He attended Franklin and Marshall Academy for awhile, after which he returned home and worked in the Central Bank for awhile, prior to accepting the assistant cashiership of the First National Bank of Bedford, succeeding his brother, Harry. W. Bates Bell was in Bedford for some time, after which he was called to Mount Union as assistant cashier of the Central Bank. Mr. Bell on May 1, 1909 was transferred to the assistant cashiership of the Orbisonia Bank, which position he occupies today. He was married to Miss Mary Crum, daughter of C. B. Crum of town, on July 30, 1906 and is the father of 2 sons, Wm. and Crum.

#### JOHN C. APPLEBY

John C. Appleby, one of Mount Union's boys, eldest son of Thomas A. Appleby, was born and reared in the Appleby home on Water Street, this place. He was educated in the public schools of Mount Union and with his sister, Mrs. Katherine Allen, deceased, he has the distinction of representing the first class graduated from the Mount Union High school under the principalship of Prof. C. E. Kauffman. Mr. Appleby and sister were the only two members of this class. During school days he was the active business assistant of his father, first in the post-office for many

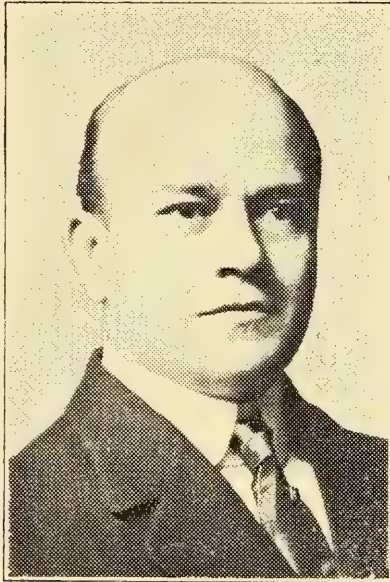


years and later in the general store. The experience gained in these capacities thoroughly trained him along business lines; and later feeling the need of further instruction, he attended the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., for a year, getting thoroughly acquainted with the art of bookkeeping, banking, etc. Mr. Appleby accepted a position with the DeFrehn Chair Company as bookkeeper, which he filled for several years, and after its failure he sought a new field of endeavor, going with Rothert Company, a large house-furnishing concern, located in York, Pa. He has been with this firm for the past 9 years and it goes without saying that he has made good. Mr. Appleby has also been instrumental in the development of North Mount Union, having had a large portion of the old Speer farm laid out in building lots and having planted trees and laid walks, etc. He is anxious that the town thrive, and can be counted on for support for anything that will build up and develop the home of his boyhood.

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#### J. BURTON WHARTON

J. Burton Wharton of Wilkes-Barre, one of Mount Union's boys, a son of B. C. Wharton of town, was born on the Wharton homestead, opposite Vineyard Station, Mifflin county, Jan. 3, 1875. In 1883 the family moved to Huntingdon, later and afterwards moved to the farm near Mount Union.



**J. Burton Wharton**

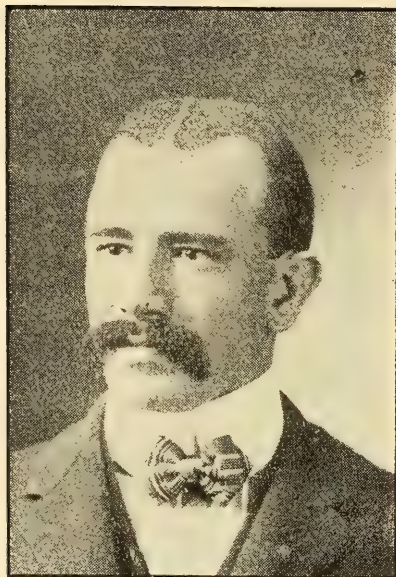
Several years were spent on the farm and it was in 1889 that the Wharton family moved to Mount Union. Mr. Wharton gained his education in the country schools and the Huntingdon schools, until he was 14 years old and later in the Mount Union schools. In 1893 he entered the employ of the Adams Express Company and was in their employ about 5 years, filling several positions, such as clerk, messenger and agent at various places and going to Wilkes-Barre in April, 1898. Mr. Wharton left the Adams Ex-

press Company in 1898, and accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Jonas Long Sons Department Stores and continued in their employ 4 years. He left them finally to take a position with the West Side Gas and Electric Company of Kingston, who operated the gas-electric companies at Kingston, Edwardsville, Dorranceton, Luzerne, Forty Fort and at Westmore, Pa. This company was bought out and consolidated with other companies and in 1905 he entered the employ of the present company, the Wilkes-Barre Gas-Electric Co. He has held almost every position in the gas and electric lighting business, his work at the present time being General Agent of the above company, having charge of the commercial end of the business, including claims, accidents, complaints, in fact almost anything out of the ordinary. Mr. Wharton was married April 28, 1909 to Carolyn Andrus Seiple. The business in which he is interested is growing rapidly, they having within the past year installed a new steam turbine generator of 1500 K. W., capacity approximately 2000 H. P. Mr. Wharton has become acclimated to the coal region, and we are glad to say is enjoying today a very good position.

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#### S. HAYES WHARTON

S. Hayes Wharton, son of B. C. Wharton of town, located at the present time in Orbisonia, was born on the old Wharton homestead near



**S. Hayes Wharton**

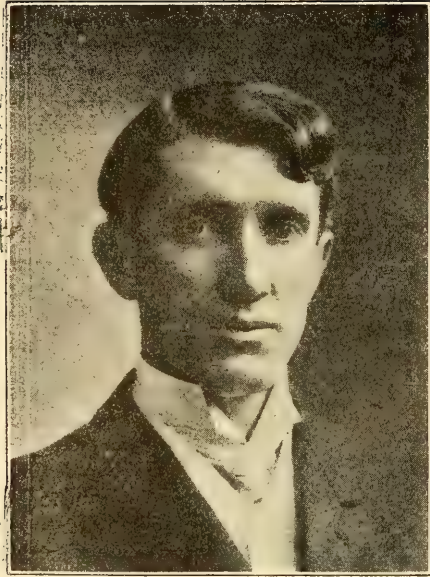
Vineyard Station and it was there and later at Huntingdon that he spent his early days. His boyhood, however, was passed mostly around Mount Union, for prior to coming to town the Wharton family resided on the farm just east of town now owned and occupied by J. B. Gearhart. Mr. Wharton attended the Mount Union schools and graduated therefrom in 1894. He entered the electrical and mechanical business in Huntingdon with the Drake Cycle & Electrical Company, where he worked for some

time. He later entered the service of the Bell Telephone Company, having made the first switch-boards for the Saxton, Sattilo and Mount Union Exchanges,, which are now grown to be large exchanges. Mr. Wharton next was employed by the Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Company of East Pittsburg. From that place he entered the P. R. R. Shops at Altoona, where he worked for 2 years in the Electrical Department. He was then appointed Master Mechanic for the Altoona City Water Company Department, having in charge all water meters, fire plugs and valves for the entire city. For several years Mr. Wharton was engaged in the baking business in Mount Union. At the present time he is chief electrician for the East Broad Top Railroad & Coal Company, having held this position with acceptance and success for several years. He has given electricity considerable study and has taken several courses of instruction on the subject. He is director of the Orbisonia Cornet Band, a member of the Presbyterian church, and a member also of the Cromwell Lodge F. & A. M. Mr. Wharton was married to Grace Shaver of town on June 9, 1903 and is the father of 3 children; Bryson Carrel, Clyde Shaver and Thelma Jane.

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#### DR. CHARLES B. JONES

Dr. Charles B. Jones, the eldest son of A. W. Jones of town, was born



**Dr. Charles B. Jones**

in Shade Valley, Pa. He attended the common schools, where he received his education, also later the Coulter School in Tell township, where he attended with his brothers and sisters. Equipping himself, he taught school in Tell township and later he augmented his education by taking a course at the Rockhill Normal. He taught school for several winters and was mercantile appraiser. He entered the Medico Chirurgical College in 1902 and after pursuing a course in medicine he graduat-

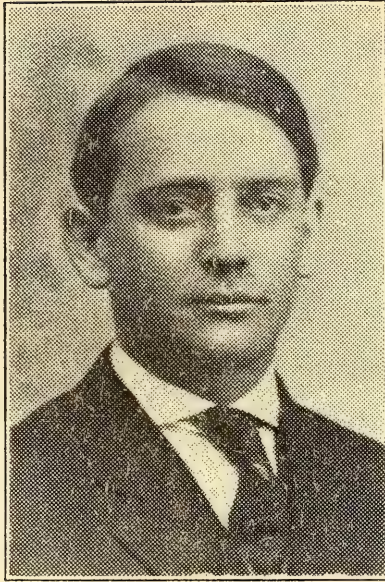


ed from that institution, in 1906. Dr. Jones has been practicing medicine for 3 years at Summer Hill, Pa.. He is a member of the W. Easterly Ashton Gynecological Society. Dr. Jones enjoys a large practice. He is well known to many of our people in town, he having clerked in Ewing's store prior to going to the medical school. He comes from a well-to-do family: One brother is employed on the P. R. R.; another one is cashier of the Mildred National Bank, Mildred, Pa., and one brother and two sisters are school-teachers.

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#### ROY G. C. JONES

Roy G. C. Jones, who has been teller in the First National Bank here for several years, has secured a new position, having been recently appointed cashier of the First National Bank, of Mildred, Sullivan county. Mr. Jones was born in Shade Valley this county, son of Alonzo W. and Sophia M. Jones. Mr. Jones attended the Mount Union public schools and afterward entered the office of the Harbison-Walker Co., here. Mr. Jones spent 2 years also in the office of the Pressed Steel Car Co., in Pittsburg. He entered the First National in 1906. Mr. Jones is a member of the Methodist church, and belongs to the Sons of Veterans and the P. O. S. of A.



**Roy G. C. Jones**

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**REV. EDWARD I. CAMPBELL**

Rev. Edward Irvin Campbell was born in Ansonville, Clearfield county, Pa., July 14, 1884. He was a babe when his parents came to Mount Union, he being a son of the late Rev. David H. Campbell, D. D., and wife. It was in Mount Union that Rev. Campbell was reared. Here he attended the public schools, graduating in 1899. Having decided to take up the ministry as a life profession, thus following in the footsteps of his father, Rev. Campbell attended Blair

Presbyterial Academy in New Jersey for 2 years leaving that institution in 1901. In the fall of 1901 he entered Lafayette College, from which he was graduated in 1905, receiving the degree of A. B. Rev. Campbell entered Princeton Theological Seminary in the fall of 1905 and was graduated therefrom in May, 1908. He went to Newburgh, N. Y. upon graduation from the seminary, where he became assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church and superintendent of the William K. Hall Memorial Chapel. Rev. Campbell has been in Newburgh ever since that date. Since residing there he has been elected to the Board of Managers of the Associated Charities and also a member of the Red Cross Committee which is helping in the fight against tuberculosis. He is a member of the Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity, and also of the Benham Club, the latter being at Princeton. Rev. Campbell has a promising career before him, as he is a young man of scholarly ability and conscientiousness.

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#### ALBERT G. MCGARVEY

Albert G. McGarvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McGarvey of town, was born in Mount Union, where he grew to manhood. Mr. McGarvey attended the public schools here, from which he graduated in 1900. He entered Juniata College and completed the Normal English course at that institution, graduating in 1903. In



### Albe rt McGarvey

the fall of 1903 he entered State College for the pursuance of a Mechanical Engineering course, and he was graduated from that institution in 1907. Leaving college, Mr. McGarvey at once entered the plant of the Westinghouse Machine Co., at Wilkesburg, and since taking up employment there he has worked in the various departments, gradually rising and meeting success. He is an active member of the Presbyterian church, and because of his church affiliation he has been made President

of the Wilkinsburg Branch of the Allegheny County Christian Endeavor Union, which appointment requires considerable time and ability.

### FRANK DeFREHN

Frank DeFrehn, one of the firm of the W. DeFrehn & Sons, Chair manufacturers of Johnstown, and in the past one of the DeFrehn Chair Company of Mount Union, was born at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, Pa., Aug. 23, 1867. In August, 1880, he went with his father and other brothers to Williamsport, Md., where they engaged in the chair business until the flood of 1889, when their establishment was partially destroyed. Shortly after in the same year the Messrs. DeFrehn came to Mount Union, where they resided until 1898, when they went to Johnstown. Mr. DeFrehn was married Sept. 28, 1892 to Miss Cora Smelker, daughter of H. S. Smelker of town, and is the father of one daughter, Rebecca, who is now a student in the Johnstown High School.

### A. I. DeFREHN

A. I. DeFrehn, one of the DeFrehn brothers, was also born in Tamaqua, Jan. 27, 1872. Like his brother Frank, he was interested in the chair business in Williamsport as well as in Mount Union, and since going to Johnstown, the interests of the different brothers have been mutual. A. I. DeFrehn was married Sept. 25, 1901 to Miss Amanda Fields, daughter of

George Fields of town, and to them 2 children have been born: Harriet and Robert.

#### **GEORGE C. DeFREHN**

George C. DeFrehn, the youngest of the DeFrehn brothers, was born near Scranton, Oct. 9, 1876. He has since growing to manhood been interested in the chair business in connection with his other brothers and has proved to be quite a successful business man. He was married Feb. 22, 1895 to Miss Minnie Shaver of town. The Messrs. DeFrehn are all good citizens and interested in every good cause in the community in which they reside.

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#### **WILLIAM KING**

William King, a Mt. Union boy, was born near town and was raised in this vicinity. He got his education in our schools, and having grown to manhood, he went on the Middle Division of the P. R. R. as freight brakeman, Dec. 4, 1901. Mr. King was transferred to passenger brakeman Dec. 5, 1903, and at the present time is passenger flagman on the Middle Division. Mr. King is a faithful man and has been much devoted to his duties. He was married Nov. 26, 1908 to Miss Ella Van Meter, of Harrisburg. He is a member of the brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen also of the Relief. Mr. King is a son of Newton King of town.





**William King**

**CHARLES B. LUKENS**

Charles B. Lukens, a Mount Union boy was born and raised in this place, a son of George W. Lukens. He received his early education here and graduated from our schools. Mr. Lukens was employed with the Harbison-Walker Company here for a number of years. He was married to Miss Myrtle Johnson of Braddock, and is the father of one child, deceased. Mr. Lukens resides in Allegheny and is employed with J. T. Lehman Company.

wholesale dealers in table condiments. He enjoys a good position.

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### HARRY LUKENS

Harry Lukens, son of George W. Lukens, is a passenger brakeman on Middle Division of the P. R. R., and resides in Harrisburg. He received his education in our schools, and was brought up under Mount Union influences. Mr. Lukens was married to Miss Blanche Piper, of Tyrone, and is the father of one daughter. Mr. Lukens is an industrious young man and has been making good.

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### J. RUSSELL BOWMAN

J. Russel Bowman of New York City is one of the Mount Union boys who has made his mark. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Bowman of town and was born in Mount Union July 21, 1875. Up until 14 years old he remained at home, after which time he was employed by Brown Bros. and Simms, contractors, in the former bridge construction work at this place. Pleased with his efforts he became a regular employee of this firm and went away with them and consequently has done work in various states of the union, covering 9 of them in one year at one time. At present Mr. Bowman is interested in the iron construction business in New York City and has won quite a reputation for his efficient workmanship. At the present time Roy, his brother, is employed with him, who is also located in New York.

Mr. Bowman was married Sept. 17, 1904 to Miss Lizzie Bishop of Albany, N. Y.

### THE HARRISON BROTHERS

Fred B. Harrison, a Mount Union boy, son of F. H. Harrison, was born in Mount Union on Sept. 20, 1872. At the present time he resides in Wilmington, Del., and is the private secretary of the master mechanic of the P. & R. He was married to Beulah Borden of Penns Grove, N. J., and is the father of 2 boys.

FRANK H. HARRISON, JR., was born in Mount Union on Feb. 16, 1876. At the present time he is baggage master in the Philadelphia terminal of the B. & O. Mr. Harrison resides in Wilmington, Del. He was married to Miss Della King of Mount Union.

De FOREST HARRISON is now located at McKees Rocks, Pa., he being a native of Mount Union, born on Sept. 21, 1866. Mr. Harrison occupies the position of boss foreman for the Pressed Steel Car Co. He was married to Miss Victoria Moyer.

WILLIAM K. HARRISON was born in Mount Union on Aug. 16, 1870. At the present time he is boss foreman for the Ohio Oil Co., at their oil station near Aughwick, this county. Mr. Harrison was married to Miss Anna Ashman.

HARRY W. HARRISON, was born in Mount Union July 21, 1869. He was associated with his father in the tinning and plumbing business.

later with his other brothers, and succeeding this by himself. At the present time Mr. Harrison is associated with his father, F. H. Harrison, and W. T. Bell in the insurance business. A number of years he was clerk in a store. He was married first to Miss Jane McDonald in 1894 she having died in 1895. He was married a second time in 1904 to Miss Viola Beers. He is the father of 1 daughter and 1 son. Mr. Harrison is a member of the Odd Fellows, and was the first young man in town elected on the school board, being 23 years old, at that time. He was for a number of years secretary of the school board.

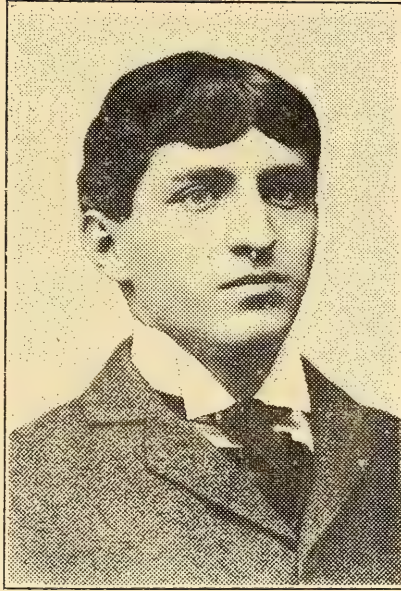
CHARLES J. HARRISON, youngest son of F. H. Harrison and the youngest of the Harrison brothers, was born in Mount Union on Sept. 12, 1880. All his life has been spent in this section. He is now employed with the Ohio Oil Co., near Aughwick, being boss fireman. He was married to Miss Alice Wilson of Orbisonia and is the father of 3 children.

The Harrison boys were all at times associated with their father in the tinning, plumbing and stove business in this place. Relinquishing that occupation, they have all entered other fields of labor and are doing well.

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#### **RICHARD J. FAUST, JR.**

One of the Mount Union boys who has distinguished himself in the banking world is Richard J. Faust, Jr., now



**R. J. Faust, Jr**

located with the Irving National Exchange Bank of New York City. Mr. Faust is a son of R. J. Faust, Sr., and wife of this place and was born here Aug. 22, 1877. He attended the public schools and graduated in the class of 1893 from the high school at the age of 16. Desiring to equip himself with a business education he entered the Pierce School in Philadelphia in the fall of 1893 and graduated in the spring of the following year. His work while in school was of a creditable nature and was acknowledged frequently by the members of

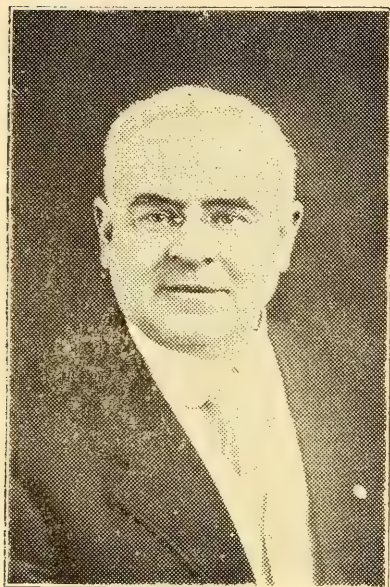
the faculty. After graduation Mr. Faust became associated with his father and uncles, The Faust Bros., tanners, at Mount Union, and later was admitted as a partner. While a member of this firm he was placed in charge of the supply department of the Central Banking Company of Mount Union and he performed such creditable work here that in 1898 he was made the assistant cashier. Mr. Faust here gained a thorough knowledge of the banking business in all its phases and his ability was noticed by other financial institutions which endeavored to secure his services through time. In October, 1902, he became cashier of the Reedsville National Bank. In July, 1903, Mr. Faust resigned the Reedsville position and accepted the cashiership of the Plymouth National Bank at Plymouth, Pa. For almost 6 years Mr. Faust distinguished himself as the cashier of that banking institution and during his administration the business extended to wide proportions. April 1, 1909, Mr. Faust resigned this position at Plymouth and accepted the presidency of the First National Bank of Appalachia, Va. This position he held for a short time, after which he resigned to accept a position of manager of the Transit Department of the Irving National Exchange Bank of New York City. His efficiency was soon shown in this department and on Jan. 14, 1910, Mr. Faust was elected one of the assistant cashiers of



the Irving National Exchange Bank. He was married in 1899 to Miss Mamie J. Cowden of Altoona. He is the father of two children: Richard Lotham, 3 years old, and Elizabeth Caroline, 1 year old. Mr. Faust resides in Westfield, N. J., a suburb of New York City, 19 miles from the Metropolis.

#### HARRY H. HUNTER

Harry Hampson Hunter was born at the Milnwood Academy in Shade Gap, his father at the time having been principal of that institution. A little later the family moved to Shireleysburg, where they remained 1 year. Following this they came to Mount Union and in this town Mr. Hunter spent his boyhood days. He attended the public schools, and being interested in telegraphy, he learned the art with C. E. Hart, who was then P. R. R. operator at Mount Union. Becoming proficient in this line, Mr. Hunter worked at different places on the Pennsylvania Road, after which he accepted a position on the B. & O. stationed in Pittsburg. Resigning this, he accepted another position as yard master for the Pittsburg & Lake Erie R. R., at Braddock and 2 years later he was transferred to Supt. J. B. Yoke's office in the dispatcher's office in Pittsburg. Mr. Hunter was later transferred to McKee's Rocks in the superintendent of Motive Power's office, where he spent 16 years. On Oct. 12, 1909 he resigned this position and accepted



**H. H Hunter**

another as main dispatcher for the P. C. & Y. R. R. under Supt. J. B. Safford and Train Master J. H. Powell. Mr. Hunter is a member of the Mizpah Commandery No. 366 Knights of Malta. At the present time he is located in McKee's Rocks, Pa.. He is a son of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hunter of Mount Union.

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**DR. HARRY L. BEERS**

Dr. H. Lyan Beers of Youngstown, Ohio, was born in the Tuscarora Valley near Norcrossville, Huntingdon county, Pa., and was the fourth son of An-



H L. Beers

derson and Mary Beers.

He spent most of his boyhood on the farm with his parents, coming with them to Mt. Union, in 1889, and entering the High school of which he remained a pupil for two years. In 1891 he began his career as a teacher in what is known as the Sheridan school in Trough Creek. The following year he taught in Henderson Township, then two years in Mifflin County.

The fall of 1895 found him installed as a teacher in the schools of Juniata Borough, a suburb of Altoona, Pa. After a year's work here he was re-

elected for another term, but resigned to accept a position in the grammar school of his home town.

During this time he utilized his vacations in study, attending two spring terms of the Central State Normal School at Lock Haven, Pa., and a few years later he received from that institution a State certificate, after having passed a satisfactory examination in all the studies required for a diploma. At the end of two years in the grammar school, he was promoted to the principalship of the Mount Union schools, which position he held one year.

He had been steadily preparing for college with the aid of the Rev. William Brill as tutor in Latin, and in the fall of 1899 he entered Dickinson College, and pursued his studies there one year.

He was then elected principal of schools of Osceola, Clearfield county, Pa. Here he remained for five years, and was instrumental in raising funds sufficient to purchase for the town a library of nearly one thousand volumes as a beginning, other books being added from time to time.

On June 27, 1900, he married Miss Emma E. Miller, of Newton Hamilton, Pa., and they have one child, David Lynn, born July 7, 1901.

In 1905, acting upon the advice of Dr. J. A. Dickson, of Youngstown, Ohio, he entered the Medical department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and was graduated in

the spring of 1909. During his senior year he was appointed a member of Dr. Peterson's hospital staff, a position much coveted by Seniors, both on account of its difficulty of attainment, and because of the superior advantages it offers in hospital work.

Soon after his graduation he moved with his family, to Youngstown, in which thriving city he already enjoys a lucrative and growing practice.

#### **J. MORRISON EWING**

James Morrison Ewing was born at Graysville, Huntingdon county, Pa., Dec. 25, 1864. He was the eldest son of Hezekiah and Margaret Ewing, (both deceased). He received his education at Fairbrook Public school, Pine Grove Academy and Duff's Commercial College of Pittsburg. He came to Mount Union in 1881. While here he clerked in A. G. Ewing's store. In January, 1894 he went to Mill Hall, Clinton county, where he was associated in business with Mr. A. B. Garth, as "The Garth and Ewing Co. On the 12th of June, 1894, at Wayne, Delaware county, Pa., he was married to Miss Laura J. Postlethwaite. In 1898 he was elected an elder of the Mill Hall Presbyterian church. He moved to Newport, Pa., in May, 1901, where he conducted a general store for six years. He is now a salesman for "The Wolfe Bros. Shoe Co., of Columbus. In 1907, he was sent by the Presbytery of Carlisle, as commissioner to the General



### **J. Morrison Ewing**

Assembly, which convened at Columbus, Ohio. He has two children—Russell Postlethwaite and Elizabeth Margaret.

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### **W. HARRY FIELDS**

W. Harry Fields, son of Joseph Fields of town, now located in Joliet, Ill., is one of the town's boys, who is making good. Mr. Fields was born at Ryde, Pa., Oct. 31, 1879, and at the age of 3½ years the parents came to Mount Union, where the father built the home in which he and his wife still reside, on West





**W. Harry Fields**

Shirley street. Mr. Fields attended the Mount Union schools and graduated therefrom in 1896. Several terms were spent at Juniata College, after which, he entered Snelker's store as a clerk, and succeeding this, he became clerk for several years for R. M. Longacre. In 1902 Mr. Fields accepted a position as ticket clerk for the P. R. R. Co., at the 5th avenue station, Pittsburg, and at the expiration of about 6 months, he was offered a position as foreman of the Harrison-Walker Company brick plant at Hays Station. He was later trans-

ferred to Layton and still later, in the spring of 1904 was transferred to the Mount Union works, Mr. Fields remained here until the fall of 1907 when he entered the service of the American Refractories Company, a prosperous fire brick firm in Joliet, Ill., and there Mr. Fields is located today, and enjoying a lucrative position. He was married on June 1st, 1904, to Miss Lavinia Copenhaver of Ramey, Pa. Mr. Fields as a young man has been achieving much success.

#### THE PETERSON BROTHERS

Among the sons of Walker Peterson, of town, there are several who have been raised here and have gone out and are making good in the world.

GEORGE W. PETERSON, the eldest of the boys, was born in Mt. Union, Nov. 6, 1877. He spent his early life in town, and later attended the Bloomsburg State Normal School, where he graduated. Mr. Peterson afterwards graduated at Dickinson College. He married Miss Almeda Fickle of Carlisle. At the present time Mr. Peterson is editor of the Evening Register, of Torrington, Conn.

CLOYD PETERSON was born in town Dec. 10, 1884 and brought up in this section. For some time he was in the restaurant business here. At present Mr. Peterson is located with the Drake & Stratton Company, Contractors, in Centerville, Ind. He was married to Miss Jessie Kroft of Altoona.



Cloyd Peterson



**George W. Peterson**

**ROY PETERSON**, another son of Walker Peterson of town, was born March 7, 1881. At the present time he is located in Philadelphia, employed with an automobile firm. He was married to Miss Nellie Stier.

**FRANK PETERSON**, at the present time located in Swissvale, Pa., was born May 10, 1882 in Mount Union. He is married to Miss Bessie Brown.

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**THE APPLEBY BROTHERS**

Among the Mount Union boys, who

are making their records in the business world, are the Appleby boys, the sons of James Y. Appleby, deceased. These are George, Charles, Roscoe, Harold and John. We understand that George is with the Ferro-Concrete Co., of Harrisburg, Pa.; that Charles is in the wholesale supply business in Indiana, Pa., that Harold is with the Eyre-Shoemaker Co., (Inc.) contractors at Northumberland, Pa.; that Roscoe is associated with Frank Murphy, (Murphy and Appleby), and that John is secretary and treasurer Keystone Supply Co., Ltd., Indiana, Pa.

#### ALTON FIELDS

Alton Fields, the son of Eliha and Annie Fields of town was born in Germany Valley on Nov. 8, 1886. A portion of his early life was spent in Mount Union, and when he was 5 years old the family moved to Tyrone, where they resided for several years. Alton attended the Tyrone schools and had almost completed the course when they returned to Mount Union. Here he also attended school. He was employed at various occupations during his time in town, and for two and a half years was a clerk in the Central Bank. Mr. Fields is at present employed with the — — Jones & Laughlin Co. of Woodlawn, where he is doing well. He was married in September, 1907 to Miss Nannie Ewing of town. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Fields has always been interested in baseball and athletics.





Alton Fields

#### OTHER MOUNT UNION BOYS

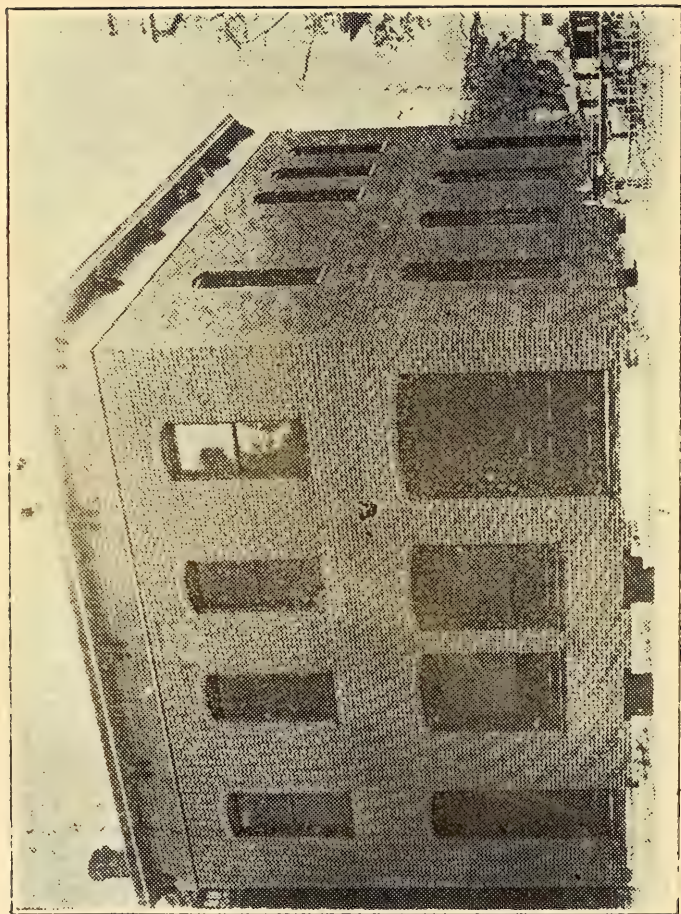
Among the other Mount Union boys whom we think about, who have gone out from town and are making good are: Samuel Snyder, Charles W. Hiney, Alton Fields, Ambrose Shaver, Nevin Shaver, Charles Wagner, Arthur Heckert, George Heckert, Howard Stewart, Herman Norris, George Thompson, Harry Thompson, Bert Shaver, Charles Norris, Bruce Yocum, Noel Smith, Raymond Smith, Jesse McGowan, Donald McGowan, Bert Harris, Wilbur Cleaver, Frank



McDonald, Hinkle, Rummel, Alex. Sheaffer, Theodore Sechler, Sherman Rogers, Bruce Shaver, Charles Shaver, U. E. Baughman, Harry Longacre, Herbert Shafer, Lewis Smith, Alley Isenberg, Fred Smith and Edward Smith.

## THE POST-OFFICE

Mount Union enjoys a commodious, roomy and modernly constructed post office building. The present building was erected in 1905 by Postmaster I. Newton Taylor, adjoining his residence, corner of Shirley and Jefferson streets. It is made of pressed brick, is two-story, the lower story devoted to the postoffice and the second story being divided into the office of Dr. W. W. Rumberger and a dwelling. The building is electric lighted and heated by hot water. The furniture in the post office is all modern and we believe that we have one of the finest post offices in this section of the State. Being third class, our office is rapidly soaring to the front. The business done here in the postal department in the last few years has been commensurate with the progress and development of the town. I. Newton Taylor, the postmaster, has filled this responsible position with much credit during his administration. His assistants at the present time are: Geo. W. Morgan, acting assistant, and William D. Fuller, Ralph F. Taylor, son of I. Newton Taylor, has devoted



The Post Office Building

considerable time to the assistance of his father, in the past and also lends some help when needed even to this day aside from his teaching.

We learn from earlier history that the first postmaster here was William Pollock, the office being located in the vicinity of the Narrows. According to information given by Elias K. Rogers, Pollock was succeeded by James Morgan. John Sharrar was the successor to Mr. Morgan. Following Sharrar were George Eby, E. R. Foust, of the firm of Foust & Etnier, and David Etnier. At that time the office was located in the brick corner, where L. S. Noble now has his store. Thomas A. Appleby succeeded David Etnier as postmaster, Mr. Appleby was first appointed in 1867, but because of the change in administration, he was succeeded shortly after by T. H. Adams. Mr. Adams served only a few months, and Mr. Appleby was again appointed in 1869 and served until 1885. John C. Ross, and after his death, his widow, Mrs. M. R. Ross held the office until 1889, when Mr. Appleby was re-appointed, and Mrs. Ross and daughter continued to run it. Charles E. Hart became postmaster in 1893. Mr. Hart held the office one term. In 1897 L. Newton Taylor took charge of the office.

Among some of the clerks employed in the past by Mr. Taylor were: John B. Sweigart, Jesse H. Wright, Harry C. Stitt, and Adie E. Knepp.

deceased. Frank McKinney was extra for several months.

### I. NEWTON TAYLOR

I. Newton Taylor, Mount Union's efficient postmaster, was born at Ottumwa, Iowa, May 24, 1859, the son of John and Ann (Appleby) Taylor. His early days were spent in the land of the prairie, and in 1865, the same year that Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, Mr. Taylor came with his parents and other members of his family to Pennsylvania, taking up residence at Shade Gap. His education was received in the public schools and later at Milnwood Academy. Preparing himself for teaching, he followed this occupation for 7 years. Three of these years he spent in the Mount Union schools. In 1884 Mr. Taylor entered the P. R. R. freight office in this place as a clerk. He continued in this department for several years. In 1887 he was married to Miss Viola Fuller, eldest daughter of W. W. Fuller, then freight agent at Mount Union, and in 1896, after serving 12 years in the interest of the railroad, he abandoned that line of work and entered the campaign as a Republican candidate for Register and Recorder of this county. Although disappointed in his ambition, Mr. Taylor became in the following year (1897) postmaster of our town, which office he has held ever since with much acceptance and ability as well as enjoyed the esteem of his constituency. He is the father of 5 children: Ralph,



I. Newton Taylor, Postmaster

Ruth, Helen, Jane and Newton, Jr. Mr. Taylor has occupied several borough offices in his time, being at present a member of the School-board. He is a sincere and conscientious man and exercises the duties of his office with great care and discretion. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church and superintendent of the primary department of the Sabbath School. He is a citizen who is devoted to the best interests of the town, viewed from a social, political and religious standpoint.

#### **RALPH F. TAYLOR**

Ralph Fuller Taylor was born in Mount Union, August 1, 1888, the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Newton Taylor. Ralph grew up under influences conducive to learning, and entering our schools, he graduated in the class of 1906. Returning the following year, Mr. Taylor took some graduate work, which because of the advanced courses of study inaugurated previously in our high school, enabled him to enter the Classical Department of Juniata College in the fall of 1908. Mr. Taylor spent two years in Juniata College, and this year is principal of the Mill Creek schools. It is his aim to return later to the College and complete his course in Arts and thus receive his B. A. degree.

Ralph F. Taylor has been associated with his father in the post office ever since he took hold of it. He has learned the work well, and during his father's illness a few years ago,





Ralph F. Taylor

Ralph and Mr. Adie Knepp, (deceased) handled the business with efficiency.

Mr. Taylor is a member of the Presbyterian church, secretary of the Sunday school, active in Endeavor and church work, and is a young man of considerable promise.

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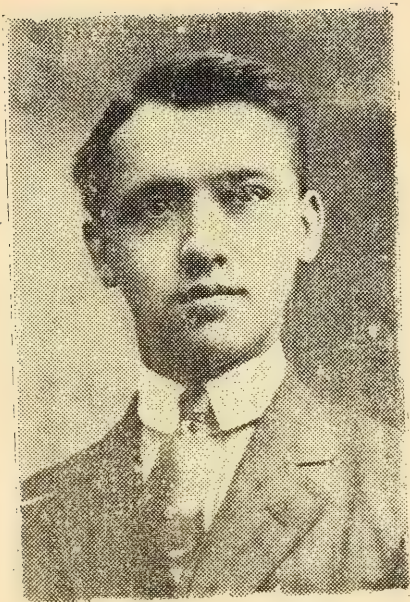
**WILLIAM D. FULLER**

William D. Fuller was born in Newton Hamilton, Pa., Nov. 13, 1891, the son of Charles I. and Elizabeth (Wharton) Fuller. He attended the public schools of that town, also worked in the store of H. C. Kinsloe,



**William D. Fuller**

together with assisting his father as station agent, prior to coming to Mount Union in 1906. William entered our schools here and graduated in the class of 1909. He also had attended previously several terms at Juniata College. Mr. Fuller has been employed in the post office since 1906, up until June, 1909, as extra however. He is a young man, who is ambitious to make good and improve his opportunities. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and a secretary in the Sunday school.

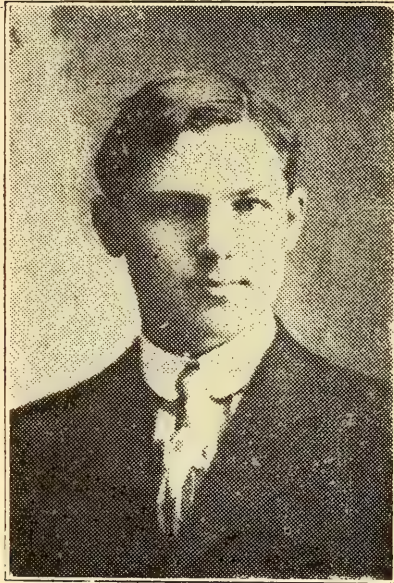


### GEORGE W. MORGAN

George W. Morgan, one of the efficient changers of the U. S. Mail at the postoffice here, was born in Mapleton, May 13, 1890. He was the son of William H. Morgan. The family remained in Mapleton for about a year after his birth when they located in the western part of the State. Mr. Morgan came into prominence in Mount Union after he entered the employ of the postoffice, under Postmaster Taylor, which was Sept. 16, 1906. Some time previous was spent in our schools, where the subject of this sketch gained some of his education.

Mr. Morgan handles the mails with considerable dexterity. He belongs to the P. O. S. of A. the Sons of Veterans and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

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**ADIE KNEPP**

Adie Knepp, deceased, was associated with the Mount Union post office for a number of years, and was a proficient man in this department. He was born in Tyrone, July 22, 1890, the son of Emory and Amanda Knepp. He died Dec. 19, 1909, after a long and serious illness induced by an accident on the base ball field. He was a young man of ability and promise.

but Death closed his earthly career at the early age of 19 years and 6 months.

## **Town Officers**

### **G. W. COVERT**

G. W. Covert, chief police of Mount Union Borough, is a native of Springfield township, this county, having been born Aug. 21, 1858. Mr. Covert spent his early life in the region of his nativity. He worked with his father for a number of years, he having been a stone mason and brick layer. Mr. Covert was married on July 20 1882, to Miss Della Gutshall, a native also of Springfield township. Some years were spent in Allegheny county, where Mr. Covert and family resided, he having had employment in that section of the State. They moved to Mount Union in 1904. Mr. Covert was made special police in 1905. He was later made chief police, which position he holds to this day. Mr. Covert has distinguished himself somewhat as a detective, his services having taken him to various parts of the State and even out of the State at times. He is a member of the Methodist church and also of the Sons of Veterans. He is a Republican politically and a citizen who is interested in the welfare and progress of the town. He is the father of seven children, namely: Ralph, of Charleroi; S. O. Covert of Toledo, Ohio; Minnie, Mrs. Raymond Smith, Clairton, Pa.; Ernest, of Lewistown; Goldie, Paul





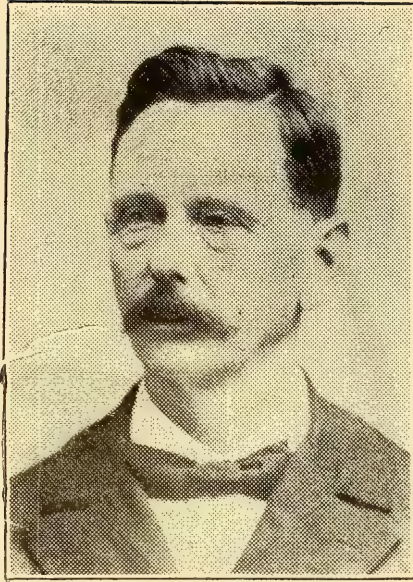
G. W. Covert



and Floyd, at home. Mr. Covert's father name was John and his mother's name was Eliza (Ramsey) Covert. He is of Irish and German ancestry.

#### **PATRICK GERUGHTY**

Patrick Gerughty, the present High Constable of Mount Union, was born in County Clair, Ireland, Mar. 17, 1840, and came with his parents to Pennsylvania, locating in Huntingdon county in November, 1850. The Gerughty home was in the region of Johnstown, in Germany Valley. In 1852 he, with his parents, moved to the east end of Kishacoquillas Valley, about 5 miles east of Reedsville, known then as Locke's Mills, Mifflin county. Patrick remained there with his parents until 1861, when he enlisted in the service of his country, being a member of Co. H, 49th Regiment, Penna. Volunteers. He served for 3 years in the rebellion. He was honorably discharged in 1864 at Rendezvous where he had been for some time on detached duty under General Ambrose and Col. Samuel McKelvy. Soon after he came home he went west. Returning to Pennsylvania, he settled in Milroy in 1899 and some time afterwards came to Mount Union and this has been his home since that time. 1 year ago he was elected to the office of High Constable and since his taking charge he has endeavored to look after the duties of his office in a proficient manner. He is a member of the Catholic church.



Patrick Gerughty

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**RUSSELL SMYERS**

Russell Smyers, constable of the first ward of Mount Union, and also extra policeman of the borough, was born in Saltillo, May 30, 1875. He resided in that town until 7 years ago, when he came to Mount Union. Prior to coming to Mount Union he was employed as an engineer, as a miner and as a tanner. His early education was received in the common schools of Saltillo. He was married Apr. 2, 1896 to Lona Weight of Three Springs. He is the father of 5 child-



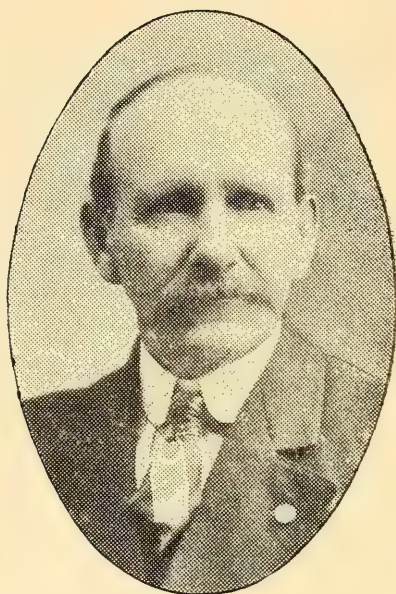
**Russel Smyers**

ren: Aleatha, Freeda, Ralph, Lloyd and Frank, all at home. Mr. Smyers is a member of the Odd Fellows and also of the John C. Ross Encampment.

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**ALONZO W. JONES**

Alonzo W. Jones, constable of the second ward of Mount Union, was born in Tell township, this county, Jan. 26, 1847, and all his life practically until he came to Mount Union was spent in Shade Valley. Mr. Jones was a son of Jacob J., and Hannah (Gosage) Jones. He attended the public



**A. W. Jones**

schools of his township and also assisted his father in farming. When the war broke out Mr. Jones enlisted Feb. 13, 1864, when he was 16 years old, being a member of Co. G., 149th Regiment, Penn'a., Volunteers. He spent 7 months in Andersonville Prison, which truly has no pleasant reminiscences for him today. In 1867 Mr. Jones went to Indiana, where he remained until 1869, when he returned to Pennsylvania. He was married twice, first in 1870 to Mary Jane Duffield, who died in 1879. Three children were born to this union, namely: Minnie, Charles and Decker; Minnie

and Decker are at home; Charles resides at Summer Hill, Pa. Mr. Jones was remarried in 1882 to Sophia M. Campbell, and to this union have been born 3 children; Roy, Mae and Carson; the latter 2 are at home while Roy is cashier of the First National Bank of Mildred, Pa. Mr. Jones was school director of this township for 21 years. He was elected jury commissioner of this county in 1890. In 1899 he was elected county commissioner, which position he filled faithfully. He moved to Mount Union with his family in 1900. Mr. Jones is a member of the G. A. R., and a trustee in the Methodist church at the present time. In the past he was interested while in Mount Union in the contracting business, in which occupation he erected a number of dwellings and buildings in the town. He is now associated with S. F. Briggs in the butchering business, they having purchased the stand recently occupied by W. W. Peterson. Mr. Jones is an energetic and esteemed citizen in the community.

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#### J. E. HARPER

J. E. Harper, at the present time tax collector of Mount Union borough is a native of Dublin township, this county, having been born April 30, 1831. He resided in the region of his birth most all his life; in fact, it was there that he lived until 1896, when he came to Mount Union. His occupation was that of a farmer. Squire Harper held various township

offices, and was for 15 years Justice of the Peace. Since coming to Mount Union he has become one of our esteemed citizens. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, having been allied with that faith for a number of years. He was married twice, first to Miss Mary Newell and later to Miss Mary McNeal. He is the father of 4 children: W. A. Harper of Pittsburg; Mrs. Lizzie Graffius of Petersburg; Mrs. Margaret Bottorf of Ashtabula, Ohio, and Miss Grace of New York City.

Squire Harper was for 21 years school director in Dublin township. He contracted for and built the Waterloo Presbyterian Church in 1857. He taught school in his early days and holds to this day a certificate dated Oct. 30, 1854, signed by J. S. Barr, the first county superintendent. Squire Harper attended school at Milnwood Academy, and also attended public school before the erection of the first school-house in Dublin township, the sessions being held in the former Peterson home now that of Geo. Flood near Neelyton. The teacher was James Magee. He was for 8 years postmaster in Dublin township.

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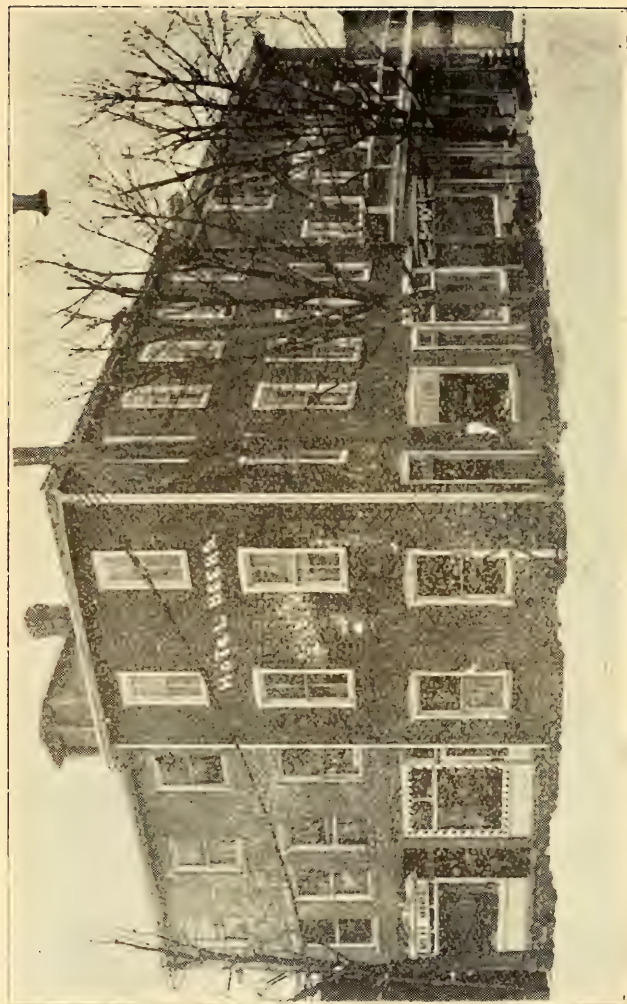
### HOTELS AND TAVERNS

In the early history of Mount Union this town or village was an important point for the traveler to stop at. Situated along the canal, the great means of transportation in its day, wagon load after wagon load of grain



and merchandise and various commodities were brought to this place from the south and southwest out through the Aughwick Valley and even on toward the Tuscarora and Shade Valleys and here it was that these various cargoes were unloaded and shipped to the east and west. At the same time the farmers, who brought their wares to town, took back with them merchandise, clothing shoes and edibles, and through this means of exchange it was necessary that Mount Union, though a small village at that time, have some means of taking care of the traffic. The distance covered in those days was by no means so great as it is today, and the man in the stage or in the wagon who had driven his team or 25 to 30 miles was very willing to stop over night in Mount Union. Thus we have in the early days 3 taverns in Mount Union, and at one time all of these were licensed hotels. It is a gratifying state of evolution to know that today with a population of over 3,000, approximately, there is no licensed saloon in the town, while back in that day with a population of probably 250 this village supported 3 licensed houses.

The pioneer tavern in Mount Union was built in 1848 by John Sharrar and was known as the American Hotel. John Sharrar will be remembered as the man who built the old stone house still standing. The American Hotel has been changed considerably according to its present ap-



The Beers Hotel

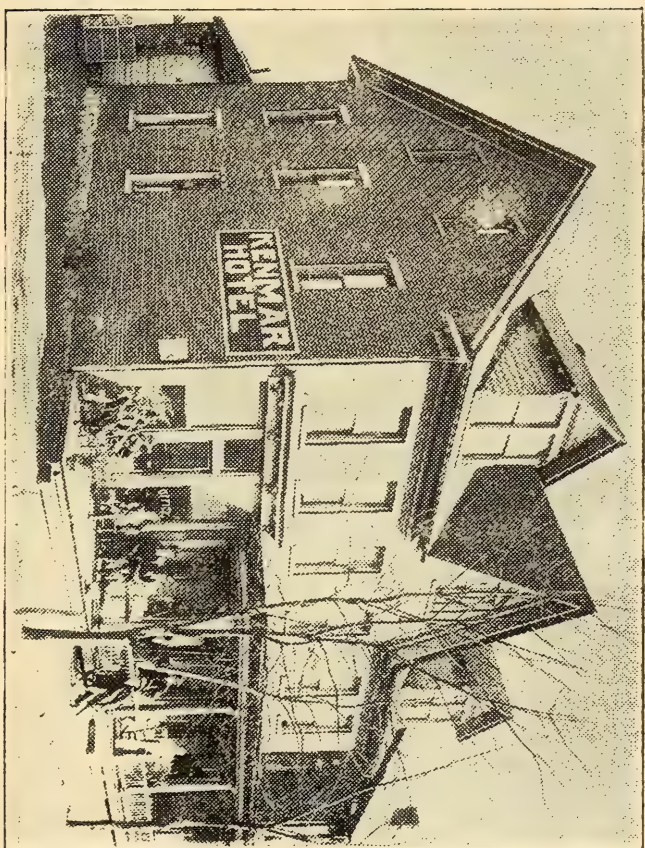
pearance, notwithstanding the fact that in its altered condition it has a number of years ago been vacated and today has passed out of the list of hostelryes. This hotel was originally built and occupied as a dwelling house and stood in front of the present building on Water street. When the street was laid out it was moved back to where it now stands and the front or bar-room added, also the wing extending southward. The south wing or kitchen part was built later by Joseph Watson, when he was owner and proprietor of the establishment. The first landlord, according to information received, in this old hostelry was Adam Holliday, who kept it for several years. Among some of the men who succeeded Joseph Watson as keepers of the American Hotel were: Bryson Shaver, Dallas Wicks, Jacob Covert, William X. Myers, James Mauls, John Moser, George M. Spanogle, and George Schmittle. Among those who owned the American Hotel in the past succeeding Joseph Watson were: Israel C. Caldwell, A. R. Price, Mrs. Kate Price and the Central Banking Company. On August 8, 1907, the stand was purchased by Messrs. Shaffner of Orbisonia.

The old hotel or tavern, to the east end of town, and now owned by Mrs. W. T. Sheaffer, Mrs. John S. Bare, and Mrs. R. S. Heller, was formerly known as the "Exchange Hotel of Santa Fe," and was built by James Kelley and Dr. William Brewster in

1851. This hotel was conducted by Kelley & Company, the builders, for 2 years, it being a licensed house, after which, in 1853, William Shaver, father of Mrs. W. T. Sheaffer of town took charge and ran it as a temperance house, he being much opposed to license. About 1864, Col. John G. Stewart became proprietor, and he had charge of the hostelry until 1870. After 1870, the old tavern ceased to be a hotel, and became a dwelling. It is standing today, in rather good state of preservation, and is continued as a dwelling house.

This old hotel just mentioned was in its early days, situated in the market and business center of this section. The boats on the canal stopped in the vicinity, at the old warehouse nearby and just below, near the stone mansion of Mrs. W. T. Sheaffer. The first store in this section flourished in the late thirties, and was located along the canal just north of the Sheaffer home. The pioneer keeper of that store was a Mr. Pomeroy, he being an uncle to the Rev. S. W. Pomeroy, former Presbyterian pastor here. In that day, the road from Shirleysburg and the south came across what is now the E. B. T. "green" and yard and that way, much of the traffic by stage and wagon went, to connect with the boat lines on the canal.

The former Broad Top House, which was one of the early hotels in Mount Union in its day, located on



The Kenmar Hotel



the corner of Jefferson Street, and Railroad Avenue., having been superseded by the Crum building, standing today, was built by James G. Doyle in 1858. Among some of the keepers of the Broad Top House were: Mr. Doyle, Elijah, Aultz, Bryson Shaver, Scott Wollett the Hackadorns and Mrs. Withers. This tavern, located as it was along the railroad opposite the station, was a center for much trade in its day. Torn down, the material of the structure has been re-erected on the North Side, being utilized now by Mr. Crum in an establishment built for the manufacture of concrete blocks.

The Seibert House was originally a dwelling owned by Mrs. Belle Shaver. It was a frame dwelling and was built in the early sixties. A portion of it was until recent years incorporated in the Beers Hotel in this place. William Seibert,, father of R. S. Seibert of Rockhill, put an addition to this primitive dwelling in 1881 and opened a hotel. After his death the hostelry was continued by his widow, Mrs. Seibert. In 1889 she sold out to Anderson Beers, who came to Mount Union at that time from Tell township. As the town has developed this stand has also been enlarged. For awhile it was known as the Commercial Hotel. After Mr. Beers' death, it was conducted by his son E. M. Beers, and his widow, Mrs. Mary Beers. Today the Beers Hotel, having been remodeled in the past



year, additions made to it and a complete third story added to the one placed thereon by A. S. Welch several years ago, ranks among one of the best in this part of the State. With the modern equipment, with a commodious office, with a good table, with steam heat and electric light and comfortable rooms, this hostelry meets the approval of the traveling public. E. M. Beers is the efficient proprietor and the clerk at the present time is W. T. Howard. The Beers Hotel has 45 rooms.

There is another hotel in Mount Union today besides the Beers Hotel, known as the Kenmar, the stand having been in the past that of Thomas W. Pyles, which on Jan. 18, 1904 came under the management of Mrs. B. B. Miller. The Kenmar Hotel, while not so large as the Beers Hotel, ranks high for its splendid accommodations and the excellent table which is set before the public. The Kenmar is heated by steam and lighted by electricity, up-to-date and modern in all its equipment. Mrs. Miller, the proprietress has a thorough knowledge of the business and aims at all times to meet the demands of her many patrons.

Two hotels is the extent of Mount Union's hostelries today, but we are glad to state that these are both flourishing and enjoy a large trade. It is gratifying to note here that neither of these public houses has a saloon attached, and it is a strong ar-

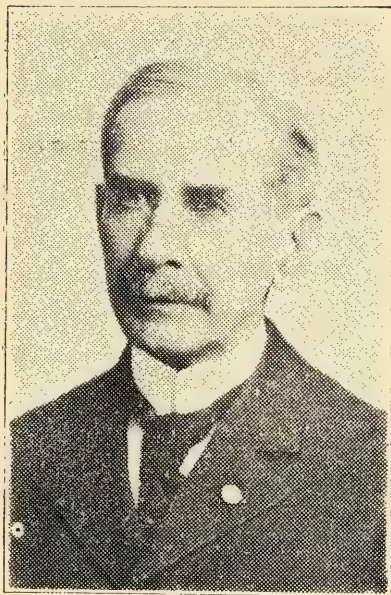
gument against the licensed hotel, when we note the prosperity enjoyed by the Mount Union hotels, which are succeeding nicely without entering into the distribution of alcoholic beverages. We can be proud of Mount Union in the fact that she supports no saloons, and we trust that as the years come and go and as this present history becomes the history of the past, that the generations who come up to follow in our steps can also make this statement that Mount Union is still a dry town.

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### **Prominent Residents of the Past**

#### **FRANK D. STEVENS**

Frank D. Stevens of Pasadena, Cal., a prominent resident of that city, was in former days one of the leading and most esteemed citizens of Mount Union. Mr. Stevens was born in Springfield township, this county, Mar. 30, 1841. On his father's side he was of Scotch and on his mother's side of German ancestry. His father's name was Benedict Stevens, he having been born in Shirley township, this county, Feb. 28, 1802. Benedict Stevens married Miss Eve Orr, Oct. 8, 1822, and they were the parents of 8 sons and 7 daughters. 5 of the sons were in the Rebellion, serving from 2 to 3 years, among them the subject of this sketch. Benedict Stevens was a local preacher of some distinction and proclaimed the gospel of peace to many in his vicinity. Frank D. Stevens was the twelfth child of this large family,



Frank D. Stevens

and being one among so many, had only the advantages of a common school education and two terms additional at the Rainsburg (Bedford county) Academy. Mr. Stevens learned the carpenter trade which he followed for about 3 years before the breaking out of the Rebellion. In April, 1861, he enlisted in the 3 months' service, but the company was not accepted. The spring of 1862 found the country awake to the great struggle that was before it, a crisis that tended to test the patriotism of its young

men. Mr. Stevens was again fired with patriotic zeal and on Mar. 24, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Co. I, 12th Regiment, Penna. Reserves, as did his brother, David W. Stevens, who was killed on May 8, 1864, in the Battle of the Wilderness. The regiment or 9 companies in it, had been enlisted in 1861 under the command of Col. John H. Tygert, who was lying at Alexandria, Va., where they were joined by Co. I, commanded by Capt. James Baker of Orbisonia. In June, 1862, the regiment with many others, was ordered to join Gen. McClellan in front of Richmond. They went to White House Landing on the Paymonkey River, where they landed June 10, and the next day joined the main army in the works in front of the Confederate Capitol. Mr Stevens passed through a very thrilling career in the Rebellion. Their first battle was at Mechanicsville, when Mr. Stevens and a number of his comrades were captured and taken to Richmond, where they remained 4 weeks at Castle Thunder. He was then paroled and sent to Camp Parole at Annapolis, Md., from whence he was sent soon after to the convalescent camp near Alexandria, Va. Mr. Stevens says in a recent communication: "A number of us were returned from Camp Parole to our regiment by proper authority, but as our colonel had not received official notice of our exchange, he would not order us on duty. It was only 2 days before the Battle of Fred-

ericksburg and we all knew what was coming, at least we smelled the battle, and my comrades, I think to a man, who had returned with me, were wise enough to obey their colonel and stayed out of the scrap. The boys of my company had an extra gun, so I took it, put myself on duty and went in. It well might cost me my life, for I came out with two wounds and spent the winter in a Rhode Island hospital." Mr. Stevens also participated in the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. His regiment was with Gen. Grant and participated in the skirmishes and battles of the Wilderness campaign. During this time he was placed in command of the company, as he had been most of the time after he was made a lieutenant, his promotion to that office having been made some time previous. He was a week in Libby Prison and then was sent to Macon, Ga, where he was confined two months in the officers' prison. He was one of the 600 Union officers who were confined in the jail yard under fire from the Union guns during the bombardment of Charleston, S. C., being removed only when our Government retaliated by placing rebel officers under rebel fire. He was commissioned as First Lieutenant to date from June 6, 1864, and he was mustered out of the service Apr. 17, 1865.

Lieutenant Stevens was married to Annie C. Hiney in December, 1883, and on account of his wife's health, he went to California in October, 1884,

settling first in Los Angeles. In May, 1886, Mrs. Stevens died, and in October, 1887, he was re-married to Dora M. Bucher, of Philadelphia, who is still living. Mr. Stevens was engaged in the hardware business in Mount Union, he having established the first hardware store in the town in 1867 in the building now occupied by T. H. Adams. Mr. Stevens and Peter Shaver were in business in the Adams store room, corner of Jefferson and Water streets, for some time previous to Mr. Stevens' taking exclusive charge. Mr. Stevens built, and occupied for several years, the stand now owned and occupied by H. W. Maxwell "in the center of town." H. W. Maxwell took charge of the stand in 1886. Locating in Pasadena Mr. Stevens continued the hardware business (October 1885), and has continued that occupation, in fact, to this day. Mr. Stevens has been a stockholder and director in one of the largest water companies in Pasadena for the past 15 years. He is also a stockholder in several good-paying oil companies. When he first went to Los Angeles it was a small country town; now it is claimed to have in it more millionaires for its size than any other city in the Union. He enjoys the distinction of being the first ranking merchant of Pasadena, the hundreds of other merchants in the city all having started since Mr. Stevens. He is a staunch member of the Methodist church, having been an official mem-

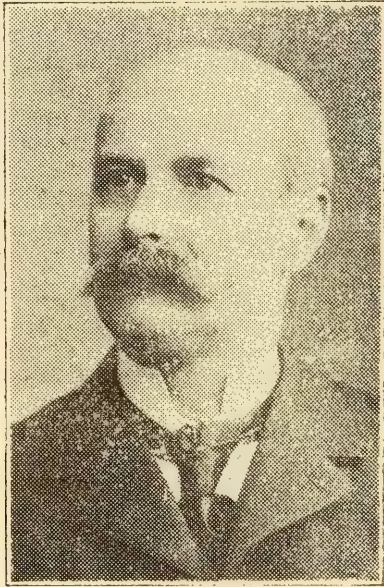


ber of that denomination continuously since 1886. While in Mount Union he was one of our esteemed and honored citizens and during his citizenship he was one of the most energetic members of the Methodist church, his efforts having been an important factor in the erection of the present church building. The bell which rings every Sunday, calling the members of the Methodist church to worship, is the result of the generosity of Frank D. Stevens of California.

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#### THOMAS J. CHILCOTT

Thomas J. Chilcott the father of H. C. Chilcott of Mount Union, was born in Huntingdon, this county, in 1845, a son of Darby and Susan Chilcott, pioneer settlers in Huntingdon county. He attended the public schools in his early days and being an apt pupil he attained an education beyond the average country school boys. During the summer Mr. Chilcott worked on the farm. When about 18 years old (June 1863), he enlisted in Co. A, 22d Penna. Cavalry, and he served his country until honorably discharged at the close of the war. After the war he located in Huntingdon and entered into the red brick business. He married Miss Harriet Thompson, a daughter of John and Rebecca Thompson, and from that union were born 10 children, namely: Horace C., of Mount Union; Guy, Bruce, Walter, Otis, Minnie, Annie, Currence, Olive and Edna. Annie, Currence and Edna are dead. After about 7 years' residence in Hun-



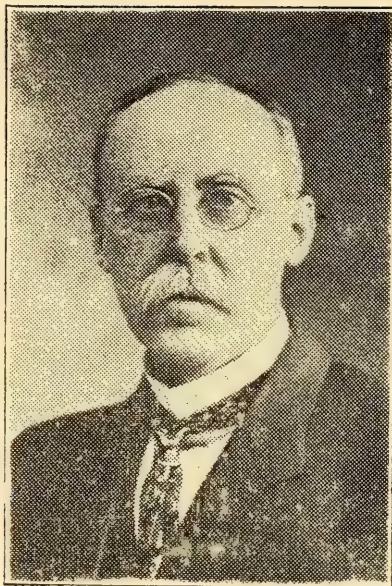
Thomas J Chilcott

tingdon, Mr. Chilcott bought a farm in Smith Valley, where he farmed during the summer and taught school in the winter. It was about 1881 when he moved his family to Mount Union, locating in the vicinity of the Ewing brick kiln, the site of which was in close proximity to the Harbison-Walker Plant today. Mr. Chilcott followed brick-making in the summer and continued teaching in the winter. He taught school all told 23 years. He was also a minister of the gospel, being an ordained minister of the progressive Dunkard church. About

1890 he moved his family to Philadelphia. Shortly after taking up residence there he secured a position as superintendent of a large brick plant in Richlands, Va., and thence the family went. Mr. Chilcott remained in the Old Dominion until 1894, when he again moved his family to Philadelphia, where he secured a position with Tygert & Allen, Fertilizer Manufacturers, as an accountant. He remained there for several years. In 1904 the family moved to California, locating at Glendora, where they reside today. Mr. Chilcott is engaged in the manufacture of wire goods with two of his sons, Guy and Otis. He will be remembered by many of the Mount Union people.

#### R. BRUCE BARE

R. Bruce Bare of Washington, D. C., a Mount Union boy, is a son of John and Elizabeth (Ricketts) Bare, and was born in this town, Dec. 19, 1858. He resided here until 1877, when he took a course in the Williamsport Commercial College. After graduating from that place he accepted a position as bookkeeper for the general insurance firm of Thompson & Clinger in Williamsport, Pa. About 2 years after this the firm was changed and Mr. Bare accepted a position in the car record office of the P. R. R., located in Altoona. While there the new insurance firm in Williamsport offered better inducements to return and thus Mr. Bare relinquished the Altoona position and going back



**R. Bruce Bare**

to Williamsport spent several years with the insurance people. He went to Washington, D. C., in October, 1881, where he became bookkeeper and cashier for the Herdic Phaeton Company, which position he filled for several years. After this Mr. Bare secured a position in the United States Treasury Department through Civil Service examination as bookkeeper, and in November, 1887 he took up the work. He has been employed in the Treasury Department of Uncle Sam ever since. In December, 1890 he was married to Selina M.

Middleton, a daughter of William and Catharine Middleton of Washington. He is the father of 2 children: Alice Marjorie and Helen Christine. Mr. Bare is a member of the Lafayette Lodge F. A. A. M. He has been identified with the Methodist church since boyhood and for several years has been a trustee of the Waugh M. E. church, of which he and his family are members. Mr. Bare spent his boyhood days in Mount Union and has proved to be of some interest to the writer in the preparation of this history.

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#### JOSEPH P. ISENBERG

Joseph P. Isenberg, now located in Braddock, is one of Mount Union's former residents. Mr. Isenberg is a native of Cromwell township, a son of the late Daniel Isenberg of Shirleysburg. He was born near Colgate's schoolhouse in old Cromwell on the farm later known as the Joel Isenberg farm, in the year 1852. When he was a boy his father moved to Germany Valley and there he spent his boyhood and youth. Mr. Isenberg attended the school in the winter time, his teacher being the late Michael H. Kyper. He was married in 1895 to Ellie M. Glass and is the father of 4 children: Allie, married and living in Monessen, where he is employed in the office of the Pittsburgh Steel Company; Flora, married and living in Pittsburgh; Elsie, married and living in Braddock, and Fanny at home, an attendant in the

public schools of Braddock.

In 1880 Mr. Isenberg located in Mount Union and here he spent 16 years. Four years he was employed in the East Broad Top yard and the other twelve years he worked for Charles Stratford in the marble yard. While in Mount Union he attended the Methodist church, was a consistent member of this denomination and was a teacher in the Sabbath school. Mr. Isenberg is a member of the Mount Union Lodge Odd Fellows also a member of the Woodmen of the World. He moved to Braddock in July, 1896 and since that time has been working for the Carnegie Steel Company, he having charge of the gas ovens in the foundry department.

#### DAVID HANCOCK

David Hancock, formerly of Mount Union, was born April 29, 1839 in Cromwell township. He was about 2 years old when the family moved to Shirley township to the old Hancock homestead in Hill Valley, where Dyson Hancock, a brother, now resides. David Hancock enlisted in Co. I, 12th Regiment, P. R. V. C., Capt. Baker's Company. He served 3 years in the army of the Potomac. On Jan. 30, 1865 Mr. Hancock was married to Margaret C. Wogan. In the spring of 1869 he came to where John Roberts now resides near town and later he built the house now owned by A. S. Welch, west of town, where he resided until March, 1909. Mrs. Hancock died Dec. 2, 1908 and since March,



1909, the subject of this sketch has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. John Stubbs, at New Castle, Pa., Mr. Hancock while in Mount Union was an earnest member of the Methodist church as also was his wife, and during his time in our midst was a highly esteemed resident.

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#### JACOB FLASHER

Jacob Flasher, now of Shelby, Ohio, is one of the former residents of Mount Union. Mr. Flasher came here from Shade Gap in the sixties, he settled. He moved to Harrisburg some time after, and residing there awhile, he returned to Mount Union. Mr. Flasher was a blacksmith and wagon maker. He built the residence now belonging to W. T. Bell, and his shop was on the corner on the lot, it having been removed in years gone by. Married to Miss Rhoda Stitt, of Shade Gap, now deceased, he is the father of the following children living: Newell, Annie, Mrs. W. J. Higgins, Myrtle, Mrs. C. E. Coburn, and Nora Mrs., Frank Clemens. From Mount Union Mr. Flasher moved to Everett, Pa., thence to Plymouth, Ohio, and then to Shelby. He of late years has been in the real estate business. He has reached the three score and ten mark. Jacob, is a sister of Diana Flasher of Shirleysburg.

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#### JOHN GAYTON

John Gayton of Lewistown, mail clerk, is one of the former residents;

of Mount Union. He is a brother of the late Wm. C. Gayton, of this place. He was first married to a daughter of Henry Shaver, deceased, and there is one daughter living to the first wife, Miss Alda Gayton of Lock Haven, Pa., The second time he was married to Miss Rothwell, and to the second union there is one son, Fred.

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#### DR. E. M. RHODES

Dr. E. M. Rhodes, of Portland, Oregon, is a former Mount Union resident. Going to the West, he a few years ago located in Portland, where he has been conducting a successful business. He at the present time is interested in Bay City, a thriving town that is located near Portland and is just opening up to prominence. Dr. Rhodes kept a drug store in Mount Union for many years.

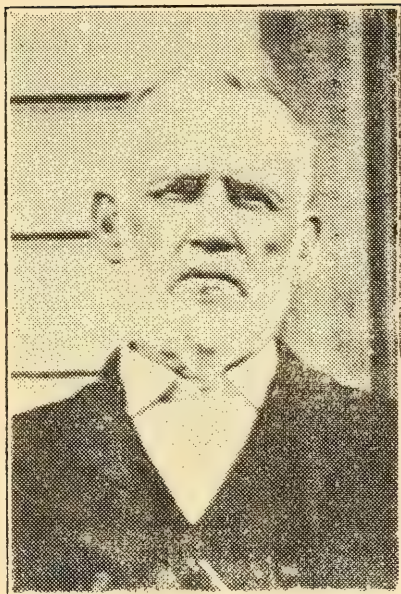
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#### JOHN COULTER

John Coulter, now a resident of Tyronne, was a former Mount Union citizen. He lived here when the town was young, and is thus acquainted with the beginnings of Mount Union. Mr. Coulter is a upright citizen and has many warm friends in this community.



## Prominent Residents



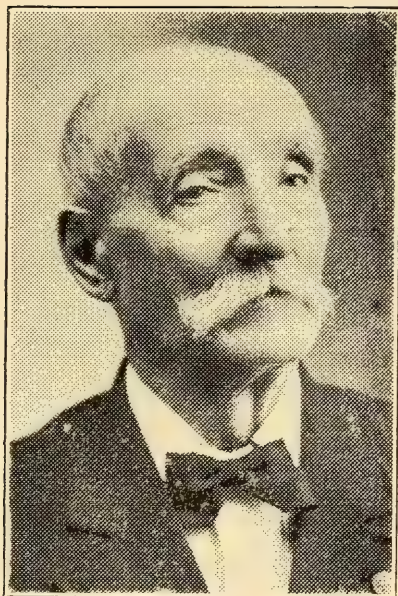
**ISAAC TAYLOR**

Isaac Taylor, probably the oldest resident of Mount Union at the present time, was born in Oxford, Pa., April 18, 1821. When he was quite small the family moved to Coatesville, Pa., where they resided until March, 1827, when Dublin township, Huntingdon county, became their home. Mr. Taylor has practically been a resident of this county ever since that date. Married February 20, 1855 to Miss Ann Ashman, he started in housekeeping at Fort Littleton,

where he resided for some time. In 1868 he moved to near Shade Gap, where he entered into farming. Mr. Taylor and wife moved to Mount Union in September, 1873. He has been associated with the town since that date and has been a man of importance in the community. In his time Mr. Taylor taught school, was interested in the lumber business for a number of years, the lumber interests being located near Osceola, Pa. His wife died in 1902 and during his latter years he has been making his home with his niece, Mrs. Dr. A. R. McCarthy of town and his nephew, Mr. I. N. Taylor. Isaac Taylor has in his time been an authority on matters of business importance and even to this day possesses a clear, keen intellect indicative of the fund of knowledge that he has accumulated in his early days.

#### MICHAEL HINEY

Michael Hiney is one of the oldest men of Mount Union, he having been born Oct. 27, 1829 in Lancaster county, a son of Isaac and Susan (Laub) Hiney. In 1839 his parents moved to Mifflin county, and it was there he attended the public schools. Squire Hiney learned shoemaking early in and followed that vocation until six years ago when the war broke out he enlisted in September, 1861, in Co. C, 45th Penna. Volunteers. He served 3 years and re-enlisted in December, 1863, and served until



**Michael Hiney**

the end of the war. He was three times wounded at Cold Harbor, first, the second time on July 30, 1864 at the mine explosion at Petersburg, Va., and the third time slightly wounded, struck in the breast by a ball in the last fight at Petersburg. He was promoted to 2nd lieutenant in October, 1864 prior to his receiving his second wound, but being in the hospital could not accept. In the following, March he was a second time promoted to the rank of second lieutenant, which he held

until finally discharged July 5, 1865. While in the army his wife died. After his discharge he returned to Mifflin county. Interesting himself in politics, he was elected register and recorder of that county. In 1870 and '71 he was employed in the door-keeper's department of the House of Representatives at Washington. In April 1871 Mr. Hiney moved to Mount Union and resumed his trade. In February, 1892 he was elected Justice of the Peace and has filled that office up to the present time. He is a member of the Odd Fellows. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist church. Squire Hiney was first married to Mary S. Wolfkell and a second time married to Mary S. Kriner also deceased. He has 4 children dead and one son, Charles W., living in Altoona.

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#### ALEXANDER MAXWELL

Alexander Maxwell was born at Fairview, Sherman's Valley, Perry county, Pa., Jan. 11, 1849, a son of Andrew and Hannah (Kelly) Maxwell. His father was a tanner. When he was young the family moved to Juniata county, where they remained for 7 years. From Juniata county they came to Huntingdon county and settled in Tell township. After 3 years' stay in this county, the Maxwell family returned to Perry, locating in Horse Valley, and it was there that the father, Andrew Maxwell, resided until his death. Alex-



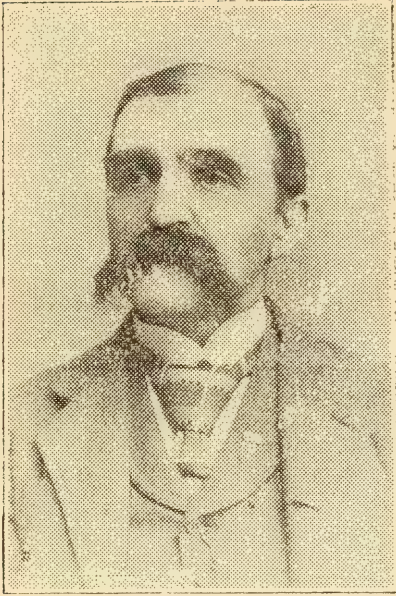


### Alexander Maxwell

Maxwell at the age of 15 left home and went to McVeytown, where he worked in the tannery. He returned to the homestead, however, prior to coming to Mount Union, he having landed here Feb. 3 1867. After coming to Mount Union, Mr. Maxwell worked in the tannery for awhile and finally went into the teaming business. This occupation he made a success and he is known far and wide around this section in connection with that business in the past. He did a great deal of contracting work, necessitating heavy hauling.

He bought the former Smawley farm, or previously the Pollock farm, Aug. 15, 1882. This land he kept and farmed until 1905, when he sold to the Union Realty Corporation, and it was this organization that laid off Jefferson Heights. Mr. Maxwell bought the former Speer farm, now a portion of North Mount Union, and the ground adjoining to the northwest, the deed for this property being dated July 23, 1883. Mr. Maxwell was married first to Charlotte Kough Feb. 10, 1874. His first wife died March 17, 1897. He was married a second time on April 13, 1898 to Miss Annie F. Morgan, daughter of the late Lewis Morgan of Mount Union. Mr. Maxwell has been a hard working man in his time. He has now accumulated considerable of this world's goods and is able to retire from active work. He owns 3 farms in Long Hollow, which are among the best of that section. He owns considerable property in Mount Union as well as a portion of the North Side. He has handled and sold quite a lot of real estate during his time here. He still keeps 6 head of stock, 2 of which are good drivers, and has a comfortable home on Water Street. Alexander Maxwell is a brother of the hardware merchant, H. Wilson Maxwell, of this place.





### GEORGE W. LUKENS

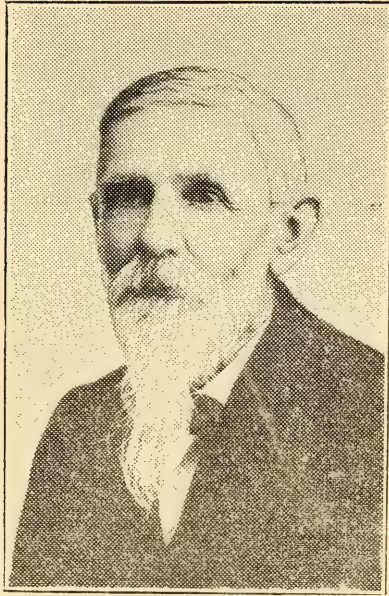
George W. Lukens, the only child and son of John and Sarah E. Lukens, deceased, was born in Wayne township, Mifflin county, — Pa., Aug., 20, 1846. In 1857 his parents moved to Harvey farm at Aughwick Mills, where they remained 4 years, at which time a high flood overflowed the farm and swept away his father's crops. Relinquishing farming, his father moved up to the mill, where he resided for 5 years. In 1869 Mr. Lukens bought out the grocery of John Rouss and since that time has been engaged in the mercantile busi-

ness. His father, John Lukens, built the store property now owned by H. S. Smelker in 1871. In December, 1869 George Lukens was married to Miss Elizabeth Hoffman of Spruce Hill, Juniata county, Pa. To this union 2 children were born; Pearl and John, the last named having died in infancy. Pearl is living and is the wife of George E. Long, Mount Union. Mr. Lukens' first wife died in August 1874, and on June 15, 1876 he was married to Miss Annie C. Smith, daughter of Philip and Margaret Smith of town, and to the second union 7 children have been born: Walter and Deemie, deceased; Charles, the eldest living son, who resides in Allegheny; Harry, who lives in Harrisburg, and Olive, Fred and Gerald, who are at home. George W. Lukens has served as school director and assessor of this borough, in the past and has also been secretary of the Town Council for 30 years, occupying this position at the present time. He took the census of this borough in 1880, at which time the enumeration was 812 inhabitants.

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#### MORRIS KIEL

Morris Kiel, one of our oldest residents, was born in Greensburg, Dec. 19, 1831. He spent 22 years of his early life in that town, a portion of the time he being keeper of the prison. From Greensburg he went to Johnstown, where he resided about 7 years. In company with his brother Jacob, Mr. Kiel opened up and con-



Morris Kiel

ducted the first livery stable in Johnstown. Relinquishing the livery, he entered into the grocery business, which he continued for some time. From Johnstown Mr. Kiel went to Wilmore, Pa., he having been postmaster of that town for awhile. He was a soldier in the late war, a member of Battery D, 5th Penna. Artillery. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged (1865), after which he returned to Wilmore and continued business. From that place he came to Mount Union. Residing in Mount Union for a little

while, the family moved to Iowa. They returned to Mount Union about 1882. Mr. Kiel was twice married, first to Sue A. Brady of Wilmore, to which union he had 2 children: Mrs. Sadie Noon of Johnstown and Mrs. Molly Noon of Wilmore.. He was married a second time to Margaret Shaver, daughter of Henry Shaver, deceased. There were six children to the second wife, 3 of whom are living namely: Mrs. Edward Preston, Frank and Richard, Jr., of town.

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#### MOSES EVERETT.

Moses Everett, the congenial clerk in Longacre's store, was born Dec. 9, 1840, in Fannettsburg. At an early age his father bought a farm one mile north of that town, and here he resided until his death. Moses Everett spent his early life on the farm with his parents, followed that occupation until the time of the war, when he entered into the mercantile business in Fannettsburg, being engaged in that for four years. He came to Shirley township about 1881, residing about four miles from Mount Union. He followed farming for some time and 18 years ago entered the employ of R. M. Longacre, merchant. Mr. Everett was married to Maggie B. Shearer on April 19, 1865. He is the father of 6 children: Annie, Mrs. William Snyder, dead; Jennie, Mrs. Horace Chilcott, Clara, Mrs. Thomas Ripple and John, all of town; Sadie, Mrs. John Rummel, deceased; Edith, Mrs. O. S. Copenhaver, of Chestnut Grove.





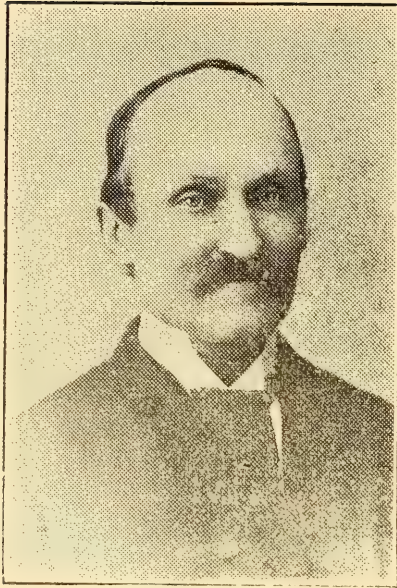
**Moses Everett**

Mr. Everett has been an energetic clerk in Longacre's store and has won many warm friends in this community as well as throughout the township. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and in his life has never chewed tobacco, has never smoked, has never been intoxicated, and in fact has never been sick until about a year ago, when he suffered an attack of la grippe.

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**HARRY H. FIELDS.**

Harry H. Fields, one of the older residents of town, was born in Mif-



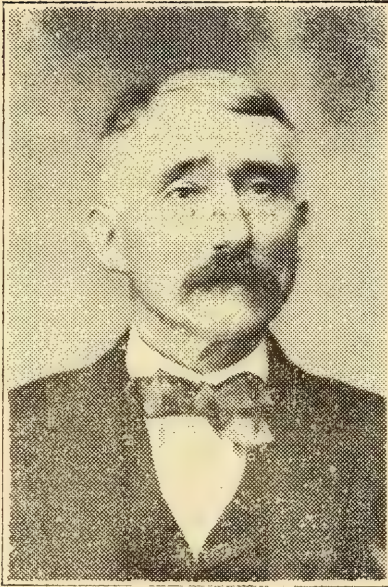
H. H. Fields

fin county, just east of town, on the former Fields homestead, July 29, 1844. He was a son of Elisha Fields, deceased. He spent the time until 21 years old, principally on the farm, helping in the agricultural pursuits. Six months were spent in the War. He was married in 1865 and after marriage came to Mount Union, where he has since resided. Mr. Fields has been employed for 33 years in the tannery. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, also of the John C. Ross Encampment of Odd

Fellows. He is the father of three children, Milton N., Cora, Mrs. W. F. Fieberman and Annie, Mrs. Charles Klinger all of town, Five children are dead. Mr. Fields is an esteemed resident of this place and for years has been a faithful member of the Methodist church.

#### WALKER PETERSON

Walker Peterson, one of the old residents of Mount Union, was born in Shade Gap, Aug. 26, 1850, son of David and Hannah (Bair) Peterson. Mr. Peterson remained in that section until about 1867, when he removed to Germany Valley and took up farming. While a young man, however, he followed agricultural pursuits in the steps of his father. Mr. Peterson resided on the Harper farm for 2 years and here it was that his father died in 1869. The Peterson family, however, lived in Aughwick until 1870. Mr. Peterson attended the public schools of the township, also Milnwood Academy, equipping himself for teaching. The summer of 1872 he spent in Illinois. Mr. Peterson taught for 3 years in Mount Union Borough. All told he taught for 11 years. He came to Mount Union about 1871. He was married to Elizabeth Buckley in August, 1875. For a number of years he has been employed on the railroad. Several years were spent also in Mifflin county just east of Mount Union. He is the father of 11 children, one deceased.

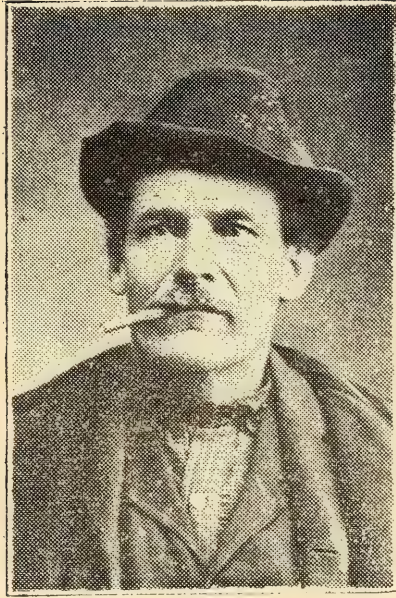


### Walker Peterson

Those surviving are: Grace, Mrs. Edward Palmer of Centerville, Ind.; George W., of Connecticut; Roy of Philadelphia; Frank of Swissvale; Maud, Mrs. A. A. Cunningham of town Cloyd, Arthur and Scott of Centerville, Ind.; John and Alma at home.

### EDWARD F. BROWN.

Edward F. Brown was born in Adams county, September 18, 1849. When a boy the family moved to York county. Thence they went to Maryland and finally back to York county. From York they removed to



**Edward F. Brown**

Perry county, where Mr. Brown grew to manhood. He was in the war, a member of Co. D, 101st Reg. Penna. Volunteers. He followed farming to some extent when a young man. He married Jennie Smiley and they lived nine years in Newport, prior to coming to Mount Union, about thirty years ago. Since in Mount Union Mr. Brown has been employed in the tannery and the Harbison-Walker Brick Plant, principally. He has been with the latter people three years. He is the father of five children. Frank, Ammon, Morris, Minnie, Mrs.

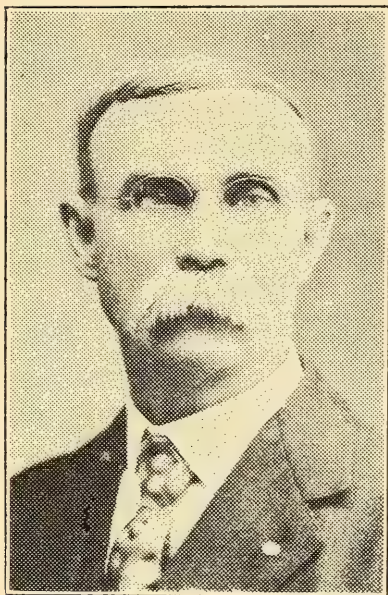


John Showalter, all of town, and Welcome of Philadelphia. He is a member of the Odd Fellows. Mr. Brown is a good citizen.

### HENRY McGARVEY

Henry McGarvey, an esteemed citizen of Mount Union for a number of years was born May 2, 1845 near Shirleysburg in Germany Valley. His father's name was David McGarvey and his mother's name was Sarah (Adams) McGarvey. His early training was on the farm in summer and in the district school in winter. At the age of 15 he spent 5 winter terms at the Shirleysburg Seminary, under Prof. J. B. Kidder, Mr. McGarvey taught for 3 terms, after which he entered the store of his uncle, Hon. T. H. Adams, and has filled the position with great acceptance and ability. During his residence in Mount Union he has held most all the local offices, such as council, auditor, school director and burgess. In the centennial year or 1876, May 30, he was married to Mary A. Postlethwaite, daughter of the late J. A. J. Postlethwaite, and to this union have been born 3 children: Edna, Nellie, both of whom are deceased, and Albert G., who is employed with the Westinghouse Machine Co., in East Pittsburg. Mr. McGarvey is the eldest of 9 children, 2 brothers and 1 sister living, namely: Edward A., Samuel A., and Anna Vesta, the latter two of whom reside in Mount Union while Edward





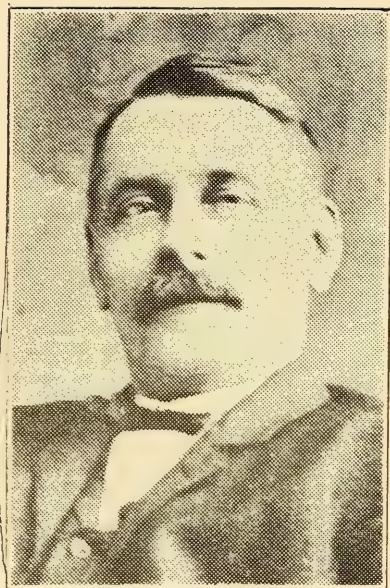
### Henry McGarvey

is a resident of Shirleysburg. Mr. McGarvey is a staunch and active member of the Catholic church. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

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### CHARLES E. HART

Charles E. Hart was born in McVeytown, Pa., Aug. 27, 1862. He spent his early life there, being a son of William Hart. He learned the printing trade and worked in the Journal office of that town for several years. His education was received in the



**Charles E. Hart**

public schools of McVeytown, where he graduated. Mr. Hart came to Mount Union in 1881 and since that time this has been his home. He learned telegraphy after coming to Mount Union and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad as an operator in 1882. Since that time he has distinguished himself in this line of work with the exception of 4 years that he spent as postmaster of Mount Union. Mr. Hart was postmaster of Mount Union from 1893 to 1897 during Cleveland's second administration. In that time he proved

himself an efficient postmaster, wherein he won the esteem of the town's many patrons. Mr. Hart is a member of the Odd Fellows, also of the Presbyterian church. He was married to Miss Jennie A. Cowden and is the father of 4 children, 3 of whom are living, namely: Miss Edna at home, Mrs. Wm. Keane of Harrisburg, and Eugene at home. Mr. Hart has been a life long Democrat and an industrious and energetic citizen and has always been interested in the welfare of Mount Union.

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#### B. F. MARLIN

B. Frank Marlin, who has been a resident of Mount Union since 1866, was born in Gilboa, near Shirleysburg, Sept. 18, 1840. The first 12 years of his life were spent in the vicinity of the old Brewster tannery. With his parents he went from that place to the Kishacoquillas Valley, where his father farmed for 2 years. In 1855 the family went to Hartslog Valley, his father having died in the meantime. Mr. Marlin heard the call of his country when the war broke out and in 1861 he enlisted in Co. B, 110th Regiment, Penna. Volunteers. He was in the service nearly 4 years. After the war he railroaded a few months, worked in Mapleton sand quarries for awhile and in 1866 came to Mount Union. This town his since that date been his residence, although 6 years were spent in the lumber regions of Cambria county in the mean-

time. Mr. Marlin married Miss Alice Scott of Shade Gap in September, 1872. They reside on West Market St., Mount Union. Mr. Marlin has seen the development of Mount Union from a small village to an enterprising town.

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#### HENRY SHAFFER

Henry Shaffer, one of the old residents of Mount Union, was born at the Brewster Tannery in Hill Valley, Nov. 13, 1841. He resided all his life in that vicinity until he came to Mount Union in the spring of 1873. Mr. Shaffer followed farming in his early days, and was married in 1873 to Kezziah Shaver, a daughter of Peter Shaver, in his day a prominent resident of Hill Valley. Henry Shaffer was a son of David and Zilla Flannigan) Shaffer. Since coming to Mount Union Mr. Shaffer has worked all the time in the tannery. He was a soldier, a member of Co. I, 12th Penna. Reserves. He is an earnest member of the Methodist church. He is the father of three children, namely: Blanche, Mrs. T. F. Pierce, of McKee's Rocks, Bower of Pittsburg, and Zilla, Mrs. J. A. Meade, of Coraopolis, Pa.

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#### A. F. H. KIEFERLE

A. F. H. Kieferle was born Feb. 15, 1840 in Germany and at the age of 70 years, resides in his home on Jefferson Street, Mount Union. Mr. Kieferle spent his early days in his native land up until 1866, when he

came to America. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Shade in Middletown, Pa., Oct. 17, 1868. They resided in Newport, Perry county, for awhile, and in 1876 they decided to make Mount Union their home and came here. Mr. Kieferle for many years was employed in the tannery at Mount Union. He has been a hard working man in his day and an estimable citizen in the community. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and also of the Odd Fellows. He is the father of 3 children: Harry of New York City, William of Lewis town and Annie deceased. Of late Mr. Kieferle has been considerably afflicted with rheumatism.

#### GEORGE D. SHAVER

George D. Shaver was born in Hill Valley, this county, March 22, 1848, a son of Peter and Catharine (Kling) Shaver. His early life was spent on the farm, where he attended the public schools in winter up until the age of 15. In October, 1863, Mr. Shaver enlisted in Co. F, 22nd Penna. Cavalry and served for 20 months. He was under Sheridan, when he took part in the engagements of Cedar Creek, Winchester and others of the Shenandoah Campaign. After the war Mr. Shaver went to Clearfield county and was in the logging business for about 4 months. He returned to Hill Valley and engaged in teaming for some time. Following this, he spent a year on the railroad. After his mar-

riage in 1867 he rented his father's farm and cultivated it for 4 years on his own account. He afterwards moved to Mount Union. From here he returned to the homestead and engaged in farming for a number of years. Today Mr. Shaver is a resident of Mount Union, having been here for a number of years. He was married Aug. 11, 1867 to Maria E. Queary now living. Their children are: Forest W., Martin L., James L., and William P. M. Mr Shaver is a brother to the following: Jacob Shaver of Fairfax, Iowa; Bower Shaver and John S. Shaver, of town; also Mr. Thomas Galbraith and Mrs. Henry Shaver of this place.

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#### CYRUS FIELDS.

Cyrus Fields was born in Wayne township, Mifflin county, December 7, 1847, son of William A. and Kezziah Fields, well known in this section in his day, he being one of the originators and early stockholders of the Central Banking Company. Cyrus remained at home until 16 years old and then entered the railroad as a division hand. On May 1, 1865, he went to Venango county during the oil enthusiasm in that part of the State and there he remained for nearly three years. Returning he spent some time at the Kishacoquillas Seminary. Succeeding this he was in business for three years in Mattawana. In 1874 he came to Mount Union and has resided here ever since. Mr. Fields married Rebecca A. Kauffman

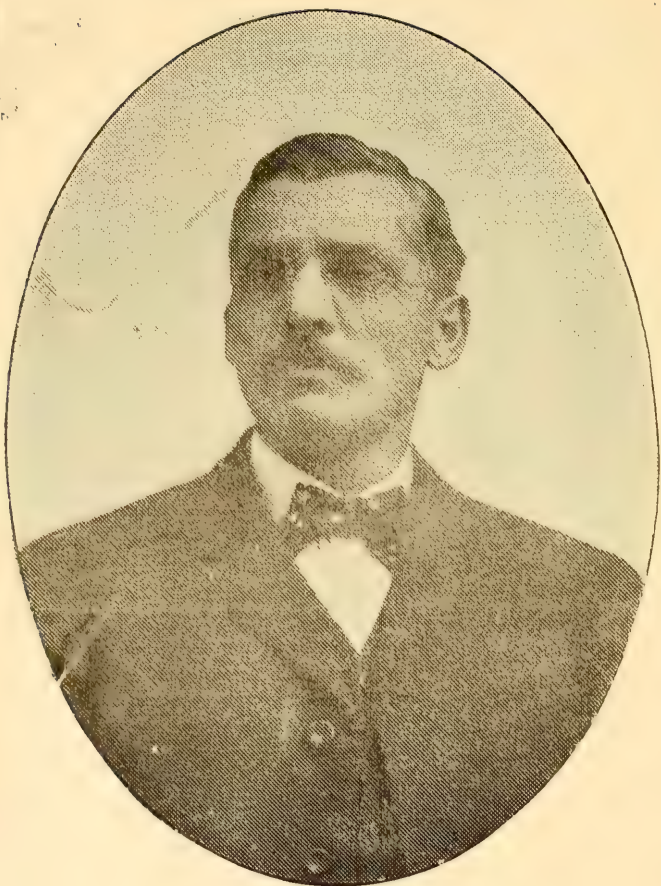


in 1871. His children are: Clark of town; Alice, deceased; Myrtle, Mrs. Ammon Brown, and Annie, Mrs. Emory Long of town; William and Charlie, also of Mount Union; one infant son is deceased. Mr. Fields worked at Lucy Furnace for a number of years, and since 1883 has been interested chiefly in the butchering business in Mount Union.

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#### W. E. KOUGH

W. E. Kough, at present mail clerk, was born May 7, 1858 in Huntsgdon county. He is a son of Jacob and Catharine (Enyeart) Kough. His grandfather, George Kough, came to America from Germany early in life and was a farmer. Mr. Kough received his early training in the common schools and also spent some time at Milnwood Academy at Shade Gap. Having been bred on the farm, he continued this work with his father until he was 20 years old, after which he went to farming on his own account. Eight years were spent in this occupation, after which he entered the United States mail service and he has been engaged in this ever since. Mr. Kough's run is from New York to Pittsburg, and in addition to the time devoted to the mail service he is at times interested in livestock, buying and selling of horses to some extent. On Sept. 30, 1885 he was married to Miss Maggie C. Rothwell of Smyrna, Del. Mr. Kough is the father of 1 daughter, Kathryn. He is an energetic citizen in the community.



William E. Kough

**OWEN J. CASSADY**

Owen J. Cassady was born May 8, 1854, in Newport, Vermont, a son of Thomas and Catharine (Donigan) Cassady. His father, Thomas Cassady, was born in Ireland and was a farmer. At the age of 16 he came to America, landing at Quebec, Canada, where he remained for some time prior to going to Lowell, Mass. From Lowell the family returned to Canada, settling at Magog, thence they came to Cold Spring, N. Y., and from that place to Pennsylvania in August, 1869, when they settled in Mifflin county. Owen J. Cassady's father was a miner at the Matilda mines and also at the Wayne Furnace in Wayne township for a number of years. He had 12 children as follows: Charles; David; Edward, now of Mount Union; Ellen, Mrs. Daniel B. Snyder, of town; Annie, Mrs. William Eby; O. J., of town; James; Ella, Mrs. William Hatt; Jennie, Mrs. John Hatt; Philip, of town; Joseph and Edward, who died in infancy. O. J. Cassady received his education in the public schools of Vermont and of Wayne township, Mifflin county. As a boy he started farming on a Vermont farm, but at the age of 16 he clerked in a store at Magog, Canada, remaining several years. He taught school for a number of years of his career. For 8 years he farmed for shares on one of the Long Hollow farms, after which he bought a half interest in the Lucy Furnaces, which has 25 acres of land attached to

it. He was married in 1879 to Mattie Barben, also of Wayne township. To this union 4 children have been born, one of whom survives, Ralph B., who is now clerk in the office of the Harbison-Walker Brick Company of this place. O. J. Cassady is a public spirited citizen, having been tax-collector for 3 terms during his career. He is a member of the Methodist church, being a trustee. Of late years his time is devoted principally to the superintendence of his real estate interests in and around Mount Union.

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#### FRANZ HEIDEL.

Franz Heidel was born in Freidenberg, Baden, Germany, Feb. 16, 1843. Mr. Heidel's birthplace is what was known as "The Temple," it being an adjunct to an old castle and the house as well as castle stood previous to his birth for five or six hundred years. Communication was effected from the house to the castle by means of a tunnel. At the age of 9 years his parents died and, being the only child, he went to Neustadt, Hessian, Darmstadt, Germany, where he made his home with his aunt and also attended the public schools until 14 years old. At the age of 14 Heidel went to Worth, Bavaria, where he learned the trade of cabinet-making, which occupation he follows to this day. Mr. Heidel remained in that city until he was 22 years old, at which time, in 1865, he came to America. His transportation covered a period of 80 days, starting from Antwerp with a friend



**Franz Heide!**

who was a sailor. A serious storm almost destroyed the vessel enroute and for many days their lives were in peril. He located first after coming to America in Newark, N. J. Remaining there for 1 year, he moved to Philadelphia and was 4 years employed with John Hinkle, a leading furniture dealer and upholsterer of that city. Succeeding this, 2 years were spent in partnership with Gottlieb Rodfus in the furniture and cabinet-making business. In 1873 he went into business for himself in the city. In 1894 he be-

came cabinet maker in the City Hall under the administration of Mayors Warwick and Ashbridge. Mr. Heidel was an officer in a large German charity organization in the city; was a member of the 17th Ward Republican Executive Committee and was also President of the Republican Club of the 17th Ward of the City. He was greatly interested in politics and gained considerable prominence in political affairs. He was one of the organizers of the German Republican League and devoted considerable time to "stumping" in the German districts of the State in heated Republican campaigns. His children are: Joseph, Frank, Annie in Texas, Mrs Maggie Taylor and Mrs. Fred Stahl of Burlington, N. J.

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#### ISAAC BAUGHMAN

Isaac Baughman, one of the old veterans of town and one of the oldest citizens, was born Oct. 26, 1834 in Paradise township, Lancaster county. He remained there until 1857, at which time he came to Perry county. In 1862 Mr. Baughman enlisted in Co. G, 133 Regiment, Penna. Volunteers. At the expiration of his enlistment he re-enlisted in Co. I, 11 Penna. Cavalry. He was mustered out after the close of the war in August 1865. He resided in Juniata county for some time and in 1875 he came to Huntingdon county. In 1888 Mr. Baughman and family moved to Mount Union and have resided here since that date. He was married to



Mary C. Booher of Adams county and is the father of 9 children, 3 sons and 6 daughters; William, one of the sons is in West Virginia, and Urbannus is in Washington; Harry, a stone mason, is at home. Isaac Baughman has followed the trade of stone mason and brick layer during his time in Mount Union. He is retired now from active work.

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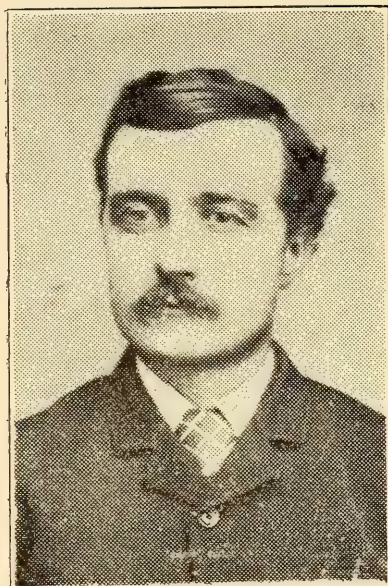
#### GEORGE R. BOWMAN

George R. Bowman was born in Shirleysburg, Dec. 30, 1853. His early life was spent in Shirleysburg and vicinity, being interested in farming particularly. With his parents, he came to Mount Union when 14 years old, the family having lived in the Sheaffer mansion at the east end of town. He was married May 7, 1874 to Margaret A. Collins. He is the father of 6 children; namely, Russell of New York; Grace, Mrs. Frank Erb, of town; Mary, Mrs. Fred Wenzel, of Johnstown; Maud, Mrs. John E. Faust; and Myra, Mrs. Charles Barnes of town; Roy of New York City. Mr. Bowman has been a butcher and farmer most of his life. At the present time, however, he is employed by the Mount Union Silica Brick Company. He is a member of the Odd Fellows.

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#### A. L. DAVIS

Abram L. Davis was born near Otelia in Germany Valley Sept. 2, 1860, a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Copenhaver) Davis. On his



A L. Davis

father's side he is of Scotch extraction and on his mother's side he is of German ancestry. When 4 years old the family moved to another part of the township along the Juniata river near Mount Union. When 10 years old Mr. Davis started out for himself. For awhile he was employed on the East Broad Top grading at the time of the building of the road, his position being that of cart driver. He was later employed on the Broad Top as water boy for 2 years. Being hired in Hill Valley

on a farm, he had the privilege of attending school in winter and there he received his education. Mr. Davis came to Mount Union at the age of 18 and for 9 years he was employed in the East Board Top yard. Succeeding this, 3 years were spent working on the Pennsylvania tracks. Thirteen years were spent in the employ of the Chair Factory at this place. Mr. Davis worked for 1 year with the Simms Company, contractors, and 2 years for the Drake & Stratton Company during the erection of the construction work at this place. Since that time he has been employed with the Silica Brick Company of our town. He was married Jan. 5, 1880, to Miss Ellen Latherow. At the present time Mr. Davis is a member of the Odd Fellows, also a charter member of the John C. Ross Encampment, I. O., O. F. He has been an active member of the Methodist church for a number of years, having occupied the position of steward and trustee in the past. He belongs to the Fraternal Protective Association of the Odd Fellows also. At the present time Mr. Davis is secretary of the Methodist Sunday school and he enjoys the extraordinary record of missing only 2 Sundays in 14 years. Mr. Davis is a self-made man. He has accumulated quite a bit of "this world's goods," having started with nothing at the age of 10. Through interest, integrity and economy today he owns 7 properties in Mount Union,

has considerable property in Cambria county as well as some gold stock in Colorado.

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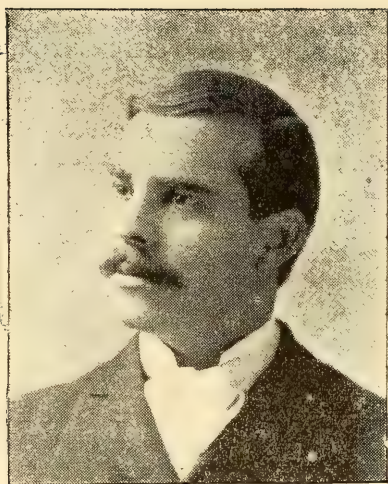
### JOHN HECKERT.

John Heckert was born at Hickory Corner, Northumberland county, Apr. 24, 1844, a son of John and Sophia (Leitzel) Heckert. In 1849 the Heckert family moved to the upper end of Northumberland county. His father being a farmer, John Heckert worked for some time when a boy at this occupation. He learned coach-making in Luzerne county, however, during his young manhood, which trade he worked at until called into the service of the rebellion in 1864. From that time until the close of the war Mr. Heckert remained in the service of his country, a member of Co. C, 200th Regiment, Penna. Volunteers. Mr. Heckert was under Col. Diven of Shirlensburg, who was well known in his day to many of our readers. Mr. Heckert moved to Danville after the war, he having been married in 1862 to Sarah Ann Beacham. At Danville he worked in the mines for 13 years. In 1883 he moved to Millerstown, Pa., where he followed coach-making, his trade. In 1886 he moved to Shade Gap, and it was in 1890 that the family came to Mount Union. Since in Mount Union Mr. Heckert has followed carpentering principally until in recent years he has been employed in the carpenter shop of the Mount Union Silica Brick Works. His chil-

dren are: Elmer, of Harrisburg; Annie, Mrs. John Zigler, of Harrisburg; Jennie, at home; Grant and Melvin, of Enola, Pa.; Edward, of Altoona; Arthur, of Harrisburg, and George, of Port Royal. Mr. Heckert is a member of the General Kane Post of Mount Union, and also of the Presbyterian church. He is a citizen of Mount Union who is ambitious toward the success and progress of the town.

#### W. M. JAMISON.

W. M. Jamison was born in Centre county, Oct. 12, 1855. He remained in that section until about 18 years old, being occupied as a farmer. He came over into Huntingdon county, locating in Franklin township, where he taught school for 4 years. At that time Mr. Jamison went to Joliet, Ill., (1878), where he worked on a farm for 2 years. In 1880 he came to Mount Union and located on Water street. He was married in 1875 to Miss Jennie Deeter of Graysville, this county. He worked in the E. B. T. yard for 3 years, worked at the sand bank at Vineyard as foreman, traveled on the road selling books for 5 years, and since that time he has been employed in the brick works of this place. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and teacher of a large class of men in the Sabbath school. He is interested in church work.



### E. RAY STRATFORD

E. Ray Stratford was born Dec. 1, 1872 in Lewistown. He is a son of Charles and Elizabeth (Gray) Stratford. He came to Mount Union with his parents in 1880. Mr. Stratford attended the public schools as a boy and in 1889 he attended Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport where he remained for four years. After which he entered Dickinson College, where he spent 2 years also. Returning to Mount Union, he became associated with Harry A. Thompson, who at that time was editing and publishing the MOUNT UNION TIMES. Mr. Stratford was for some time editor exclusively of this journal. He was married Feb. 14, 1894 to Blanche L. Hicks, daughter of Rev. W. W.



and Clara (Hart) Hicks. Mr. Stratford is the father of 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls. He is also a licensed Exhorter of the Methodist church. Two of his children are dead

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### BRYSON SHAVER

Bryson Shaver, a son of Samuel Shaver, was born near Mount Union May 11, 1832. He is one of our oldest residents, having resided the greater portion of his life in Mount Union and vicinity. Mr. Shaver's early life was spent on the farm, after which in 1858 he took charge of the American Hotel at Mount Union and was its efficient proprietor for 10 years. The American Hotel has been unoccupied for a number of years. Mr. Shaver also kept hotel in the former Broad Top House in this town, remaining in business at that stand for about a year. Following this he railroaded for 10 years as brakeman, conductor and flagman on the Middle Division. He worked in the shops at Altoona for some time. Going west, Mr. Shaver and family settled in Missouri, where he farmed for 25 years. They returned to Mount Union 7 years ago and since that time this has been their home. Mr. Shaver was married in 1859 to Ellen Harimony of near Shirleysburg. He is the father of 1 son, George Shaver of Johnstown, and 3 daughters: Mrs. Gertrude Theile of Johnstown, Mrs. Hayes Wharton of Orbisonia, and Miss Mary at home. Mr. Shaver is

one of our esteemed citizens, a member of the Methodist church, and at the present time janitor of the Mount Union Schools.

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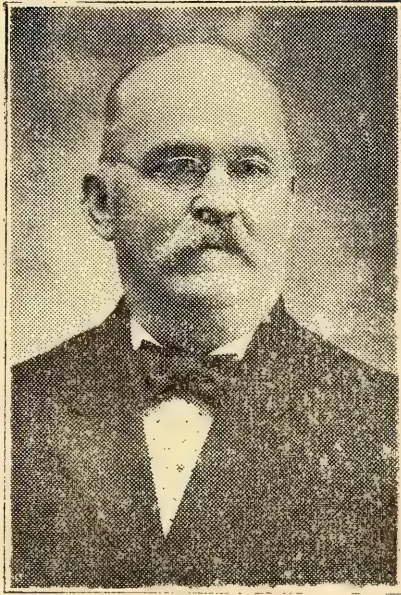
#### WILLIAM LOVE

William Love was born in 1847, Oct. 31, in Tell township, this county. His early days were spent on the farm. He farmed also for some time in Dublin township. He was married to Miss Matilda Kling. Mr. Love and wife moved to Mount Union in 1893. He has taken pleasure during his time here in raising choice fruits and was in the poultry business for some time. Mr. Love is a member of the Methodist church.

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#### EDWARD PRESTON

Edward Preston, at the present time one of the foremen at the Harbison-Walker Brick Plant, was born in Williamsport, Md., March 24, 1864. 24 years of his life were spent in that vicinity, he having been a mule driver on the canal as well as an employee in the Chair Factory of William DeFrehn & Sons. Mr. Preston also fired on the railroad. In 1892 he came to Mount Union and has been located here ever since. When the Chair Factory flourished at this place he was a steady employee of that industry. He was married to Miss Gertrude Kiel and is the father of 3 children; Faustine, Alvin and Gertrude. Mr. Preston is a member of the Methodist church and is an upright citizen in this community.



**ELISHA A. FIELDS.**

Elisha A. Fields of Mount Union was a son of the late Elisha Fields, Sr., and was born in Mifflin county, June 10, 1860. He was one of a family of eight children. Mr. Fields assisted his father in farming on the old Fields farm one mile east of Mount Union, at the present time being owned by Mr. Gearhart. On Mar. 22, 1882, he was joined in marriage to Miss Annie Youtzy of Mount Union. In 1890 Mr. Fields moved his family to Tyrone, they having previously located for a number of years in Mount Union. In Tyrone he secured employ-

ment with the Morrison Cass Paper Mill Company, serving almost twelve years in the capacity of machinist and millwright. Mr. Fields became very proficient as a machinist while working in that department. He returned to Mount Union in 1902 and since that time has been engaged in various occupations, also being interested in building. Today he owns a fine residence on Jefferson street and has recently completed the erection of a fine three-story brick building adjoining his residence. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., also belongs to the Presbyterian church.

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#### SIMON FOREMAN

Simon Foreman was born in Shade Gap Oct. 5, 1861, the son of George and Elizabeth (Zeigler) Foreman. His early life was spent in that vicinity, after which the family moved to the Etnier farm near Shirleysburg. From that place they came to the Patton farm, formerly that of William Kough, now in the possession of Lloyd Bare near Aughwick. Mr. Foreman resided there 14 years. His father died in 1889, after which the family moved to Mount Union in 1891. Mr. Forman worked in the East Broad Top yard for 5 years, after which 11 years were spent in the Chair Factory. Since that time he has been a carpenter in this community. He was married Oct. 8, 1891 to Ida Buckley and is the father of 1 daughter.



#### J. A. ROSENSTEEL.

J. Albert Rosensteel was born in town, May 27, 1872, the son of John and Elizabeth (Kough) Rosensteel. In the fall of 1872 the family moved to Tyrone. In 1873 they moved to Johnstown, and in 1874, they came back to Huntingdon county residing in Shirleysburg. When yet a boy, Mr. Rosensteel went with his uncle, Alex Maxwell and with him remained until 1892. While with Mr. Maxwell he assisted in teaming and hauling. Several years were also spent as clerk in Ewing's Store. Mr. Rosensteel was married to Miss Luella Chilcote of

Smith Valley in 1894. In 1899 he bought out Alex Maxwell, and continued the teaming business. Up to this day, he has made this business a decided success and his teams have been kept busy. Mr. Rosensteel is a practical teamster, and today carries 12 head. His work is principally heavy hauling. He is the father of 7 children, Agnes M., Jos. A., William R., Theodore A., Maxwell D., (dead) Luella E., Robert R. Mr. Rosensteel has in the past been a councilman. He is a steward in the Methodist church, also a member of the Sons of Veterans.

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#### JOSEPH W. LONGACRE.

Joseph W. Longacre was born in Mount Union, Apr. 30, 1871, and has spent all his life in this place. He attended our public schools and in fact early in life he applied himself to hard work. He was employed in the East Broad Top yard for about 12 years. Later he worked for the Harbison-Walker Company 5 years and succeeding this for the Mount Union Silica Brick Company, where he is employed at the present time. Mr. Longacre married on Aug. 28, 1890, Carrie Jones, daughter of R. B. Jones of Nossville. He is a member of the Methodist church, having been affiliated with this denomination for many years, being at the present time a trustee. Mr. Longacre is a son of Peter and Margaret (Fry) Longacre, deceased. He belongs to the P. O. S. of A.





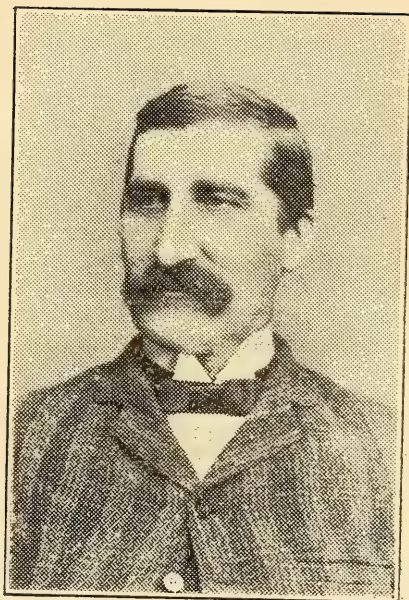
**PHILIP CASSADY.**

Philip Cassady, now employed at the Harbison-Walker Brick plant here was born in Vermont May 22, 1848. When a young man the family moved to New York State, where they re-

sided for some time at West Point, where the father worked in a foundry. Mr. Cassady was about 14 years old when the family came to Mifflin county and located in the vicinity of Matilda Furnace. He remained there until about 21 years old, when he went to Orbisonia. He was married first to Fannie Fraley, and to that union there was one son, John. He was again married to Mrs. Belle Kyle and to the second union there is one son, Edward. Mr. Cassady has shifted about considerably in his time, having traveled and worked throughout thirteen different states. He is a stone mason and brick layer by trade. He has been with the Harbison-Walker people since they established their plant here. He is a stalwart Republican, a member of the M. E. church, President of the P. O. S. of A., first Sachem of the order of Red Men, as well as a charter member, also a member of the Haymakers. In the past, Mr. Cassady was policeman of this town and proved during that time to be a very efficient officer. He owns considerable property in Mount Union and is a good upright citizen.

#### **J. NEWTON McCLAIN**

J. Newton McClain was born in Smith Valley, Sept. 4, 1852, son of Samuel and Esther (Barnett) McClain. For 28 years Mr. McClain resided in Smith Valley, his occupation being that of a farmer. On April 16, 1876 he married Melissa C. Horton, daughter of John and Mary Horton



**J N. McClain**

of Trough Creek Valley. In 1880 Mr. McClain bought a farm in Trough Creek Valley and moved thereto, where he resided for 24 years, prior to coming to Mount Union. Mr. McClain and family have been in this town since 1904, he having erected a beautiful home for himself on the corner of Milford and Jefferson Streets, as well as several other dwellings in Mount Union. Since here McClain has been interested in farming, building and lumbering. He is one of the Mount Union Lumber Company at the present time. Some

months ago he purchased the former G. D. Shaver farm up the Valley about 2 miles from Mount Union, he having previous to that time disposed of his farm in Trough Creek Valley. He is an expert farmer and stock raiser. He has been a member of the Methodist church for many years and a staunch supporter of the faith. He also belongs to the Grange. Mr. McClain is the father of 2 daughters: Mary Esther and Myrtle Arzilla, both at home. Mr. McClain was one of a family of 5 sons and 3 daughters living, besides himself: Oliver W., of Wasseon, O., David L., Columbus, O., James A., and John W., of Trough Creek Valley, Katherine A., Mrs. Samuel Keith, of Bedford county, Amanda Belle, Mrs. Clayton Houck, of Saxton, and Ida J., Mrs. Thomas Shaver, of Pittsburg. Three sisters are dead.

### LEWIS W. POWELL

Lewis W. Powell was born in Perry county, Pa., Nov. 28, 1843, the son of John and Mary Powell. He was one of a family of 7 sons and one daughter, all but two being now deceased. He was brought up on a farm 4 miles west of Newport. When the war broke out, in 1861, four of the boys enlisted. Mr. Powell enlisted, however, in 1862, and thus served 9 months in the army. He returned home after the enlistment had expired and in 1864 re-enlisted, the second time remaining until the close of the war. In 1866 he went to farming and followed that until 1876 when

he came to Mifflin county, locating at the Old Bell Furnace. There for one year, he went to Matilda furnace where he worked 4 years. In 1880 Mr. Powell moved to Aughwick Mills where he resided 11 years. Since that time he has been located in Mount Union. He has served various political offices such as, supervisor, assessor and judge of election. He married Mary Jane Dromgold of Loysville, Perry county, on Feb. 21, 1867, ~~[now deceased]~~. Of these brothers in the army, Solomon was shot in the Banks Raid up the Red River; John died at Key West, Florida; Andrew starved to death at Chancellorsville, and William and Lewis returned home. Mr. Powell is the father of 3 children, Dessie, Mrs. Alex. Crowe of town, and two children deceased.

#### J. G. ISENBERG

Jerome G. Isenberg was born in Alexandria, Pa., Oct. 28, 1850, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Stoneroad) Isenberg. He was 8 years old when the family moved to Shirley township, settling in the vicinity of Gilboa. In that section Mr. Isenberg grew to manhood. He assisted his father in farming, later farmed for himself for a number of years. He was in the farm implement business for some time. Mr. Isenberg married Elizabeth Spanogle on Dec. 25, 1882. The family came to Mount Union in the spring of 1894, where the father was employed in the Chair Factory. Mr. Isenberg entered the employ of the Harrison-Walker

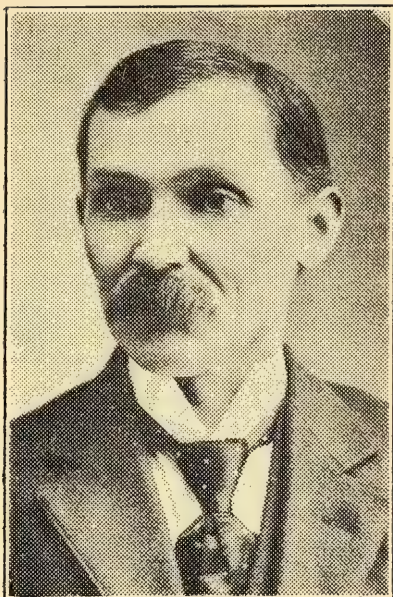
people at the beginning of their career in this town and has been engaged with them up to the present time, he being now in the carpenter shop. Mr. Isenberg is the father of 4 children, namely: Ethel, Mrs. C. H. Weyant, of town, Katharine, John and Mary at home.

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#### WILLIAM J. WELCH.

William J. Welch was born in Shirleysburg, May 5, 1865, a son of David G. and Eliza (Spanogle) Welch. Most of his earlier life was spent on the farm in the assistance of his father. His father having died in 1881, with his sister, brothers and mother he came to Mount Union in 1886 and since that time this has been his home. Mr. Welch worked in Potter county, this State, for some time, also was employed in the East Broad Top yard for a number of years. He was married in 1894 to Miss Laura Ewing, daughter of the late John Ewing of town, and is the father of five children: Edna, Mary, John, Clyde and Blanche. At present Mr. Welch owns the farm adjoining that of John Roberts in Hill Valley, about a mile from Mount Union, and his chief occupation is that of tilling the soil. He resides on Shirley street, and in addition to his agricultural pursuits, does considerable hauling at times for his brother, A. S. Welch, and others in this community. Mr. Welch is somewhat of an expert at farming.





**William J. Welch**

**C. B. ROBERTS**

C. B. Roberts was born in Hill Valley near Singers Gap, Oct. 1, 1868. son of John Roberts. at the present time an old resident of this place. Mr. Roberts spent practically all his life in this section. He was interested in farming in the early part of his life, later on prepared himself for teaching and taught school for several winters. He also attended the Shippensburg State Normal School. Launching into the barbering business, Mr. Roberts continued this

occupation for a number of years, selling out finally to Herman Schmittle. Mr. Roberts has also been interested in the lumbering business. He is a member of the Masonic Order, also of the Presbyterian church. At present he is interested in electrical work and is devoting some time to electric massage treatment. He married Laura E. Drake in 1893 and is the father of 3 children: Alma, Lorma and LaRue.

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#### HORACE C. CHILCOTT

Horace C. Chilcott was born in Huntingdon, June 22, 1867, the son of Thomas and Harriet (Thompson) Chilcott. When 7 years old the family left the County Seat and moved to Smith Valley, where they spent 7 years. Mr. Chilcott's early life was given to farming, in which occupation he assisted his father. In 1881 the family came to Mount Union and it was here that his father, Thomas Chilcott and wife resided for a number of years, being located near the former brick kiln, owned in its day by W. G. Ewing, now deceased. H. C. Chilcott went to Philadelphia several years after moving to Mount Union, where he engaged in the bicycle business for 6 years. From the Quaker City he went to Virginia, where he was employed with the Tazwell Company for 2 years. Returning to Philadelphia, he took up work with the Pope Manufacturing Company as foreman of the shops. Mr. Chilcott came back to Mount Union

ini 1900, having been married Dec. 9, 1899 in Luzerne county, N. J. to Miss Jennie Everett. He is the father of 2 children: Chalsmer and Helen. Mr. Chilcott worked for awhile when in Mount Union at the brick-making business, also taught school for 4 years, having started teaching at the age of 17. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and at the present time is engineer at the Mount Union Silica Brick Works. He is an upright citizen in this community.

#### Harry Oppel.

Harry Oppel was born in Philadelphia, Sept. 26, 1869, the son of Adolphus and Hedwit (Swovoda) Oppel. He was one of a family of five brothers and one sister. When about two years old, the family moved from the city up into Blacklog Valley. Here Mr Oppel was raised and experienced the sterner education of the farm and the mountain. He was interested with his father and other brothers in farming extensively also in lumbering, the Oppels being known far and near for their enterprise and industry at Oppelsville, Pa. Harry Oppel left the farm in 1899 and with his family moved to Mt. Jewett, McKean county, Pa. Two years were spent in the northern part of the state and in 1901 the family came back and settled in Mount Union. For almost three years Mr. Oppel worked for the Harbison-Walker Company. On Aug.



**Harry Oppel**

ust 26, 1904, he entered the employ of A. S. Welch, and has been engaged ever since that date as his efficient teamster. - Mr. Oppel was married April 29, 1895 to Miss Matilda Gertrude Briggs. He is the father of three daughters: Lillian, Edna and Guila. Mr. Oppel has built for himself a comfortable home on Hall's street. He is esteemed by many friends, and is a member of the Methodist church also the P. O. S. of A.

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**ROBERT O. JOHNSON.**

Robert O. Johnson was born at



**R. O. Johnston**

Lucy Furnace near town, Aug. 23, 1877, the son of James M., and Missouri (Chilcote) Johnson. He has spent most all his life in Mount Union. His father being a blacksmith, Robert grew up within the sound of the anvil and the blaze of the forge, and in consequence is somewhat of a machinist. He worked for the Telephone Company, at Huntingdon, for some time also was in business there. Since

returning to Mount Union he has been in the employ of A. S. Welch, and at the present time has charge of the planing mill and automobile

repairing department. Robert is an expert with machinery. He was married to May Phillips, of Huntingdon, on Oct. 9, 1898, and is the father of one son deceased. He resides on Water Street.

#### WAYNE V. FULLER

Wayne V. Fuller, son of W. W. Fuller of this place, was born in Thompsontown, Pa. Aug. 17, 1873. The family resided in that place for nearly 3 years, after which they came to Mount Union in 1876, at which time the father took charge of the P. R. R. station at this place. Wayne V. Fuller attended the public schools of Mount Union and graduated in the class of 1893. He afterward took a term at Juniata College. Following this he spent 2 years as clerk in the store of W. G. Ewing, after which he conducted the mercantile business for himself for 1 year and in succession spent 3 years in the P. R. R. Freight Office. Mr. Fuller was then employed with the Harbison-Walker Company here, being a foreman in the moulding department. In this department he spent 14 months, after which, because of poor health, he reentered the service of the railroad and since that time has been engaged in the P. R. R. Freight Office. He has spent 10 years in the service of the "Pennsy." He was married Sept 5, 1906 to Miss Juniata C. Boyer of Tuscarora Valley, near Port Royal and is the father of 1





**W. V. Fuller**

daughter, Esther Elizabeth. During his time he has been an active worker in the Presbyterian church, was for several years leader of the Mount Union Cornet Band and is at the present time Treasurer of the Presbyterian Sunday school.

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**WILLIAM F. EBERMAN**

William F. Eberman, son of the late Augustus Eberman, at present paper hanger and painter of town, was born here, Dec. 10, 1871. He has resided here most all his life, with the exception of some time spent in stores in



Wm. F. Eberman

Philadelphia and Shenandoah, respectively and in the steel mills at Homestead. Mr. Eberman entered the general store of his father when quite young, and worked with him for a number of years. He was married to Miss Cora Fields of town, and is the father of six children, four of whom are living: Lester, Ralph, Raymond and Rebecca. Those deceased are Chester and Herbert. In the past, Mr. Eberman has been one of Mount Union's base ball men.



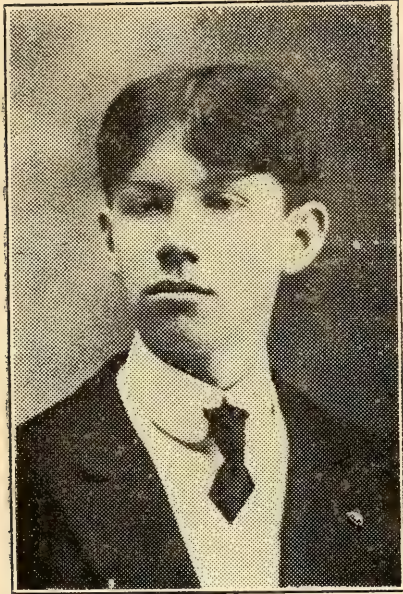
#### HARRY E. HANAWALT

Harry E. Hanawalt, at the present time employed in the Freight Department of the P. R. R. in this place, was born on the former Saylor farm across the river from town, March 11, 1875. He is the son of Samuel R. Hanawalt, deceased, and Tillie (Fultz) Hanawalt. He is of German ancestry. Mr. Hanawalt got his education in the Mount Union Schools. He started out early in life to do for himself, having clerked about 5 years in Smelker's store, worked for a number of years in the Chair Factory and later having been in the

employ of the Harbison-Walker Company nearly 4 years. Mr. Hanawalt entered the service of the railroad in September, 1906, and has since that date shown his usefulness in this department. Mr. Hanawalt is a member of the Odd Fellows, also of the Presbyterian church. He was married Oct. 9, 1909, to Miss Annie T. Zeigler, daughter of James Zeigler of near Mount Union. Samuel R. Hanawalt, the father of Harry E. Hanawalt, was one of the early residents of Mount Union, and was a representative of a family distinguished and well known for their extensive settlements in the adjoining sections of Mifflin county years ago.

#### **WALTER JENKINS**

Walter Jenkins, son of John E. Jenkins, deceased, was born and raised in Mount Union. He attended the public schools until 14 years of age, when he started out to work for himself. Mr. Jenkins was employed in the chair factory here for 6 years, after which he entered the brick works here and in 1901 where he has since been employed. For 5 years he was shipper, and the rest of the time he has been foreman of the molding room at No. 1 works. Mr. Jenkins is a responsible and faithful young man. He is an earnest member of the Methodist church being a member of the Board of Stewards. He belongs to the P. O. S. of A., and the Sons of Veterans. He is Borough Auditor in the 2nd ward.



## Walter Jenkins

### JOHN S. KIRK.

John S. Kirk was born in Mount Union, Jan. 9, 1885, son of Thomas H., and Anna (Shaver) Kirk. His father was a tinner, and worked for a while for F. H. Harrison of town. He was killed prior to his son's birth, having fallen from a scaffold while working on a building in Roanoke, Va. John S. Kirk attended the schools of the town for several years and in February, 1900, entered the County Bulletin office, then run by Orthello Z. Shaver. The Bulletin has





**John S. Kirk**

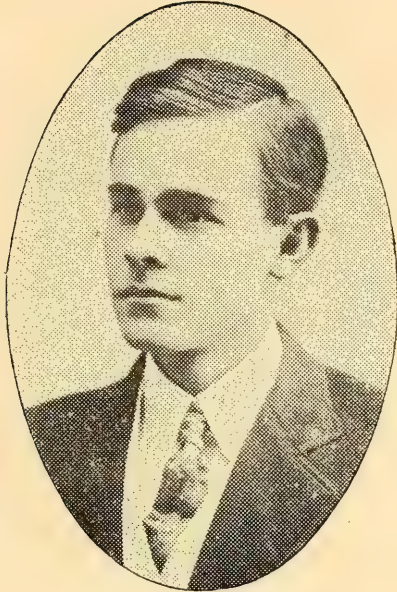
since passed out of existence. Mr. Kirk entered the Mount Union Times office in October, 1900, and is now foreman in this establishment. Mr. Kirk is an expert compositor and quite accurate.

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**FRANK H. SEIBERT.**

Frank H. Seibert was born in Mt. Jewett, Pa., Jan. 22, 1891. He is a son of Robert M., and Margaret (Briggs) Seibert. His early life was spent in the above town where he attended the public schools. The family came to Mount Union in 1905.





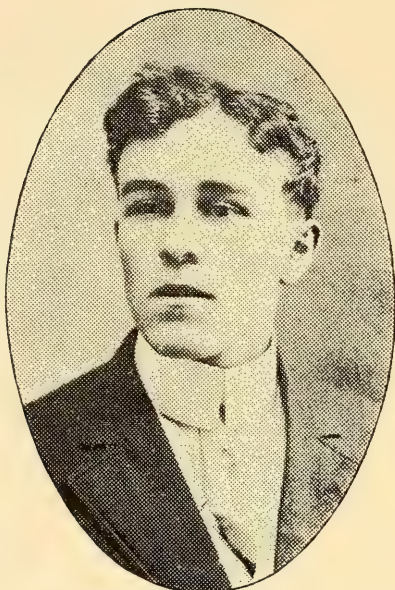
**Frank H Seibert**

where they have since resided. Mr. Seibert attended the Mount Union schools and graduated therefrom in the class of 1909. He entered the employ of A. S. Welch in the fall of 1905 and is engaged with Mr. Welch to the present time. He is a member of the Methodist church and a young man of considerable energy and affability.

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**WILLIAM H. SEIBERT.**

William H. Seibert, an employe of the Times office at the present time is a son of Robert M., and Margaret



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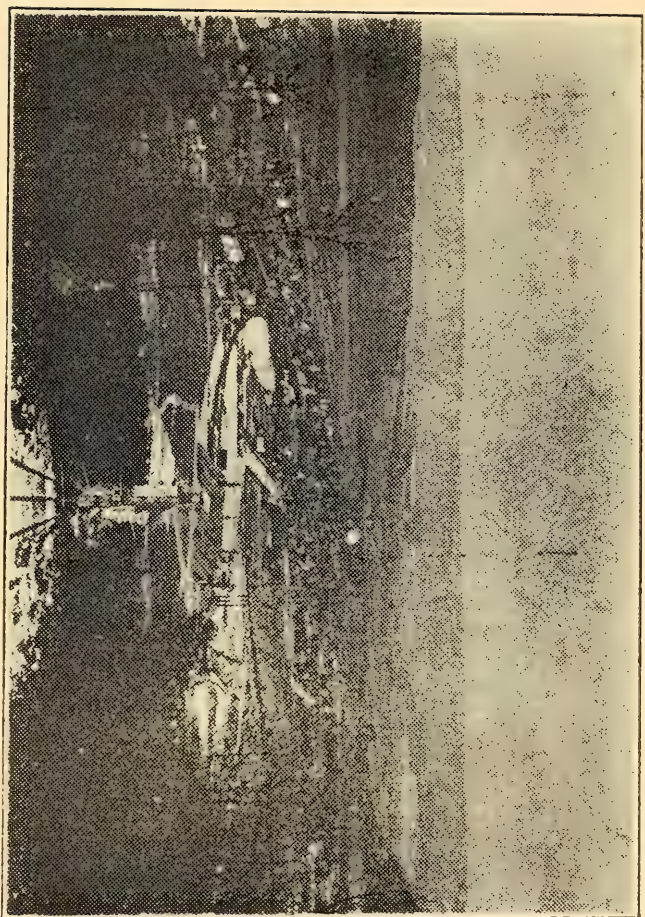
(Briggs) Seibert. He was born in Mt. Jewett, Pa., Nov. 23, 1892. He grew to youth in the above town also attended the public schools there. The family came to Mount Union in 1905 and William with his brother Frank entered the Mount Union schools, he also graduating in the class of 1909. He entered the Times printing office in the spring of 1906 and has learned his trade under the Times' jurisdiction. He is a young man of capabilities. He is a member of the Methodist church.

## THE CONCLUSION

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In the closing pages of this history it is our purpose to touch briefly upon some of the matters of interest hitherto omitted as well as to reiterate somewhat a few of the incidents which have previously been mentioned in this sketch. This work has assumed far greater proportions than was anticipated at the start, and the care and anxiety connected with the effort, inefficient though it may be, have been more than we could tell to the reader in this limited space. To ascertain information that would endure the test of reliability and authenticity, has been one of our most difficult tasks. The great care and worry associated with an undertaking of this kind is truly enough to disturb nervous equilibrium at times. The establishment of dates and justification of data have necessitated voluminous correspondence and frequent consultations with the oldest residents of town today, as well as those of the past, who in recent years have gone out to make their abodes in other places. Many of those who knew well this land in and around Mount Union, knew it as it was when the wigwam flourished amid the beautiful valley of the Juniata, have long ago passed to their reward, and of their knowledge, little is known, save the traditional and most thrilling portions, left to the muta-

tions of an uninterested posterity. It is indeed unfortunate that little is known of this immediate portion of territory where now Mount Union is located, prior to the establishment of the town, and its growth into a good-sized village. The pioneer settlers, whose memories date back to the struggle of these infant colonies for liberty,, whose recollections are vivid of Indian butcheries, devastation, and the stipulated price paid for "rebel scalps," have passed out, but though they have not left to the present generation much data relative to a now irrevocable past, they have left more, the impress of courage, determination, genius and intrepidity, together with the adequate representation of an immaculate manhood and womanhood. Those who labored and toiled in the founding of this town, whose energies were wholly commensurate with their ambitions and hopes, men and women, many of whose names are monuments to our primitive aspirations and our present achieved glories—such of our local ancestry shall never be forgotten. Praise then the sturdy immigrant, representative of the best blood of German, Scotch and Irish, characteristic of the Teuton and the Celt, who braved the wilds of Pennsylvania's soil and laid here the foundations of the greatest State of the Union, the Keystone in the struggle for liberty, for they have wrought greater than they



View of Mount Union from the summit of Jack's Mountain



knew, and their diligence has truly reaped its reward.

Mount Union has endeared herself to many, for within her bounds have been nurtured men and women who have gone out into the world and made life a success. Recollections of the town, of their boyhood and girlhood, bring back to them in vivid retrospect the charms of the past, the conviviality of youth and the tender reminiscences of other days. To all these people, this history commends itself, regardless of the inefficiency of the writer and the superficial reference to detail. The illustrations given in this history will bring back old memories, and have a tendency to perpetuate the scenes of "Home Sweet Home" while the portraits produced in these pages will bring back to mind old friendships, former school mates, friends and citizens of the past.

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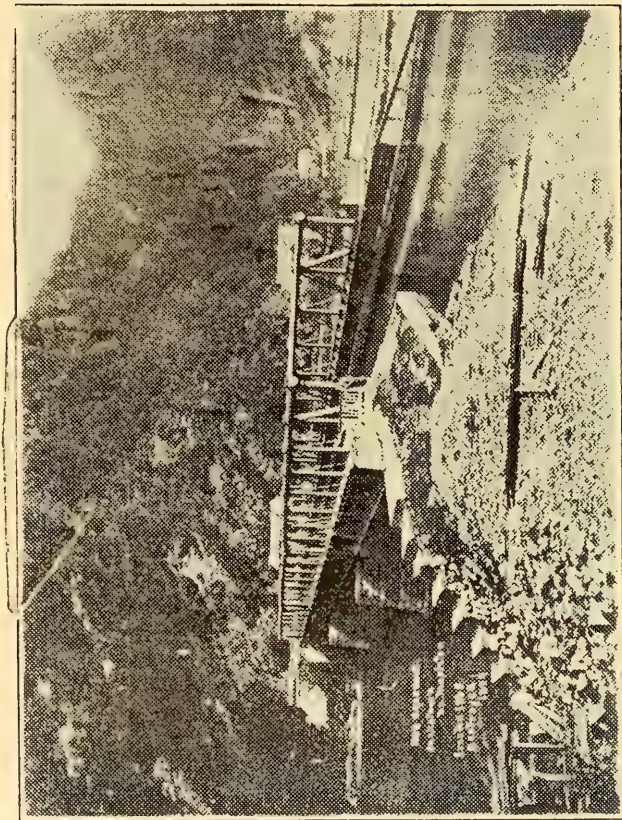
Nature has endowed us with a superfluity of grandeur, for everywhere we look, the eye rests upon the phenomenal splendors of the great Creator Hand. The town is surrounded by a panorama of mountain scenery, and because of this fact comes the name Mount Union, mentioned in the earlier pages of this history. Jack's Mountain to the west and north, Chestnut Ridge to the southeast, the intervening ridge extending parallel with Jack's Mountain southwestward into Hill Valley, the ridges just across the river in



Mifflin county, Blacklog Mountain, Blue Ridge, and Johnstown Ridge to the south and east in the distance—all these contribute to our stupendous and magnificent mountain environment. In every season of the year, whether it be spring, summer, autumn or winter, our admiration goes forth and dissipates upon the beautiful landscape, and in our appreciation of our love for and close relation to Nature, we can live abroad when we wish and mingle frequently amid the "great-out-of-doors." The song of the bird, the murmur of the stream, the ripple of the brook, the fragrance of springtime, the voluptuousness of summer, the golden pomp of autumn, cannot help but have their charms, if we are willing to open the windows, of the soul and look beyond the bounds of Mount Union. In the springtime, when earth takes on its mantle of refreshing green and the trees are clothed in glorious foliage, when the sky takes on its deep delicious blue—all these tend to fill us with a mute, but exquisite delight and we "rével in the luxury of mere sensation." But when the snows of winter hide the green of spring and summer days, when Nature lies devoid of every charm, and clothed in her shroud of snow the landscape is still free from desolation, for the picture has changed and we can also say of winter—How beautiful.

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We revert once more to those pioneer days when the Indian roamed



The Old Iron Aqueduct. Erected 1865. Destroyed 1889

the forests and this section of country was monopolized as his happy hunting ground. We have pushed the savage out, in our endeavor to establish civilization; we have taken from him his lands; we have murdered him and his and even burned his possessions; we have incurred his wrath and bitterest animosity in return, and all this exchange of plunder, rapine and blood-shed has been characteristic of the westward trend of progress. The white man has with fearless energy, as he confronted the dangerous attacks of the savage, sacrificed many a life, and many a settlement too went up in flames because of the eagerness for gain and the desire for liberty. The terrifying incidences of those days have now gone down to make history.

By nature the Indian was stern, simple and enduring. He was fitted to grapple with the roughness of the forest. He exhibited at times a proud stoicism and an habitual taciturnity. At times he became intrepid and destructive and greatly to be feared. A degenerate race today, that proud independence, which formerly was the main pillar of savage virtue, has practically been destroyed. The White man has advanced upon him, confiscated his property, and planted instead the seed of a progressive civilization.

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Jack's Narrows and Jack's Mountain are among the most interesting

places in the Juniata Valley, but we regret that there clusters about these points of interest practically a dismal early history. Jack's Narrows is the great incision cut by the Juniata River through the mountain. It is three miles long and joins Mapleton on the west to Mount Union on the east. The scenery of this mountain pass is inexplicable, and it is no wonder that in the past the Indians roamed here, and that it has become distinguished through the splendid manhood and valor of Jack Armstrong. There has been some diversity of opinion as to who Capt. Jack really was, whether the Indian trader, Jack or John Armstrong, or Jack Culberson, or some other person. Authorities are uncertain in this matter, and it will probably never be known just what relation this man bore to the fictitious "Captain Jack." Jack's Narrows is traversed by the old pike leading in early days from Fort Shirley to Standing Stone, now Huntingdon, also by the Pennsylvania Railroad today. Through this mountain pass goes a network of telephone and telegraph wires, carrying the news of the world and despatching the business of a great people as well as a great railroad system. Jack's Narrows has been famed in poetry through the pen of Mr. W. W. Fuller, of Mount Union, who has written as follows:

All hail! thou deep and mighty gorge,  
 That mak'st for man a way;  
 Thou wondrous work of nature's hand,  
 On old creation's day;  
 With awe I view thy rugged slopes,  
 And mark thy tow'ring heights,  
 Where mountain grandeur clothes each  
     view  
 With wild and lonely sights.

And proud thou art that at thy feet  
 As peaceful measures glide,  
 The Juniata's limpid waves  
 Thy rocky steeps divide;  
 And mirror from their placid depths  
 Thy pines and oaks so old,  
 Whose mossy trunks and cone-clad  
     boughs  
 Heed not the heat nor cold.

Upon the gray and hoary cliffs  
 That crown thy winding way,  
 That stand like castles, old and grim,  
 Untouched by rude decay,  
 The eagles rear their helpless young  
 From all their foes secure,  
 And teach their timid wings to range  
 To ether clear and pure.

When vernal skies dispel the chill  
 That wintry winds have brought,  
 And heal the wounds with piteous hands  
 Unfeeling hands hath wrought,  
 Then woodland beauty hastens forth  
 Thy bleak defiles to hide,  
 And leaflets spring from tree and shrub,  
 And flowers on every side.

If summer suns, with melting ray,  
 Make hills and valleys glow,  
 And fling their beaming radiance down  
 Alike on friend and foe;  
 With gentle breezes thou art fanned,  
 With balmy zephyrs blest,  
 Refreshing to the languid ones,  
 And to the weary rest.

So, too, when autumn's mellow days  
 Begin their busy hours,  
 And hang their gorgeous drapings wide  
 O'er all thy sylvan bowers,  
 Then many a low and laden bough  
 And many a stately tree,  
 With generous yield their fruits bestow  
 A bounty rich and free.

But when the storms of winter come  
 Thy solitudes to claim,  
 Old Boreas rides in wrathful mood  
 O'er all thy bleak domain;  
 He fiercely binds thy far-famed stream,  
 He madly seals it fast,  
 And sweeps athwart thy dark ravines  
 In many a roaring blast.





View of Jack's Narrows from the top of the Mountain



An hundred years great change hath  
wrought

To thy primeval state,  
And in thy future's hidden years  
Still greater wonders wait;  
Oh, glorious gateway for the world,  
So kind to coming life,  
Bring not the woes of Glenco's vale,  
Nor old Thermopylae's strife.

Long ere Magellan built for fame  
By sailing 'round the earth,  
In years unknown to history's page -  
Before Columbia's birth,  
The tribal children here did dwell  
In freedom's happy dream,  
And sought their food among the glens,  
And from thy fruitful stream.

But they have left thy wooded wastes,  
And sought an unknown strand;  
Their fires are out, their wigwams gone,  
To rise in spirit-land;  
They tread no more thy mazy paths,  
Nor cross thy rocky bounds,  
But tread in blissful ecstasies  
Their happy hunting grounds.

And then a race superior came  
To wake thy sleeping scenes,  
To hew a passage through thy length  
And bridge thy dark ravines;  
Their beasts of burden came and went  
Their wide and beaten way,  
While great and lumbering wagons  
- passed  
In haste both night and day.

They smoothed still more their great  
highway  
With most untiring skill,  
And sent the daring stagecoach  
To speed along at will;  
And when the echoing horn rang out,  
In din both wild and new,  
Thine Alpine peaks and deep retreats  
Soon faded from the view.

But greater works thou wast to see  
Along thy rocky feet,  
A graceful son thy river gave,  
The stranger's wants to meet,  
Who on his gentle bosom bore  
In craft of wise design,  
The treasures of the field and mill,  
And riches of the mine.

Anon the packet sped along  
In haughty, boastful pride,  
Her precious load of joyous life  
Road soft as zephyrs glide;  
And swiftly by thy wond'ring hills  
She carried man and wealth,  
To distant fields they journeyed all,  
For fortune or for health.

Yes, mark the wonders still to rise  
 To man's progressive will;  
 The iron way traversed thy length,  
 Man's wishes to fulfill;  
 And where thy quiet years have slept,  
 The thund'ring train now flies,  
 And millions of the striving race  
 Have swept beneath thy skies.

Yea, ev'ry land that shares the sun,  
 Contributes to thy throng,  
 That day and night between thy slopes  
 Is swiftly borne along;  
 And treasure, too, from ev'ry clime  
 Comes lumbering in the wake,  
 And both are grateful for the way  
 Thy kindly openings make.

And stretching all thy dreary length  
 The iron nerves are hung,  
 That gather thoughts from all the world  
 And speak with light'ning's tongue;  
 What greater works hath man to boast  
 Than these immortal peers—  
 The telegraph, the telephone,  
 That bless the rolling years.

And last, let mem'ry's deep impress  
 Record the deeds of yore,  
 Of him who sleeps in peaceful rest  
 Upon thy river's shore;  
 A friend to friend, a foe to foe,  
 To stand he was not slack,  
 And thou dost wear this hero's name—  
 The name of CAPTAIN JACK.

Nobody knows just where Jack Armstrong is buried. John Harris in his diary mentions that his remains were interred eight miles from Aughwick and ten miles from Standing Stone, or Huntingdon, which would be in the vicinity of Mapleton. A few years ago some of the residents of that town, according to an account published in the Local News of Huntingdon in February, 1889, and reprinted in the later edition of Jones' History of the Juniata Valley, beheld a peculiar light near the top of Rocky Ridge at Bridgeport, a short distance west of Mapleton. This light was more conspicuous in January of each



# Mount Union's Base Ball Club 20 years ago

Leading from left to right top row: William DeFrehn, Augustus DeFrehn, Samuel Snyder, Theodore Seehor, Chas. W. Hiney, Wm. F. Ehrenman; bottom row: S. B. Novell, Frank DeFrehn, O. Z. Shaver.

year. Those who noticed it were rather superstitious, knowing that it was a strange place for such a thing to occur. It was left for a party of three, says the article, A. K. Skipper, Joseph Grove and Thomas M. Logan, citizens of Mapleton, to fit out an expedition, visit the place and investigate. These men saw, when nearing the spot, to their astonishment, three lights which had the appearance of rockets.. Each one would come up out of the ground and remain for a few minutes about three feet above the surface and then disappear in succession. Curiosity developed, and believing that there might be something buried beneath the surface, which gave rise to this luminous mystery, picks and shovels were provided and a depth of six feet was reached. when they came upon a pile of loose stones which covered two large flat stones, that formed a lid, and upon lifting them discovered what seemed to be the remains of a human body in a hole about three feet long. The remains were decomposed into a blackened powder and the bones when exposed to the air crumbled into dust. The explorers made a thorough examination, and were of the opinion that some one had been murdered near that place many years ago, and that the body had been secreted into that secluded spot, and the only thing to mark it was the singular light, which had disappeared after the discovery was made. What caused

the light was as much of a mystery after as it was before.

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Drake's Ferry, which was located at the east end of Jack's Narrows just west of town, mentioned previously in this history, was founded by Samuel Drake in 1783. This Samuel Drake seems to have been a descendant of Sir Francis Drake, the English Admiral. Sir Francis Drake left a fortune of \$200,000,000 to his brother, he having no children himself. His brother's name was John Drake, and John Drake had three sons who came to America about 1700. One of these sons settled in New Jersey, another in Virginia and a third somewhere in the south. Samuel Drake, the founder of Drake's Ferry, was evidently in direct lineage with the nephew of Sir Francis Drake who settled in New Jersey, because Samuel Drake was a native of that State, being born in 1754. After taking part in the Revolutionary war, he came to the vicinity of Mount Union and established the ferry which bears his name. This Samuel Drake is the grandfather of Franklin Drake of Newton Hamilton and Mrs. Rebecca Ross of Mount Union and the great grandfather of D. S. Drake of Huntingdon, Pa., who trace back their probable lineage to the distinguished Admiral of the English Navy.

History tell us that Sir Francis was born about 1540, in Devonshire. He was a remarkable seaman in his day. In 1567, he went with Sir John Haw-





Sir Francis Drake

kins to the West Indies on a Trading Voyage, which gave its color to the rest of his life. He was the first circumnavigator of the globe, of whom we know, and his course was via the Straits of Magellan, thence northward along the coast of Chili and Peru, then to Port San Francisco, and thence across the Pacific, through the Indian Ocean, and back to England via the Cape of Good Hope, or the southernmost point of Africa. This cruise rendered Drake much booty, and brought him into great favor with Queen Elizabeth. The voyage lasted from 1577 to 1580. Drake was also one of the leaders in the great naval struggle of England against the "Invincible Armada," wherein Philip of



Spain, was defeated and the great squadron destroyed. He also made later expeditions to the West Indies, and even to Panama and Vera Cruz, but these were of little importance. He was a representative in Parliament from Flymouth in 1593.

It should be mentioned as a proof of his judicious, benevolence, that in conjunction with Sir John Hawkins, he procured the establishment of the Chest at Chatham for the relief of the aged and sick seamen, out of their own voluntary contributions.

In person, Drake was a low, but strongly made, "well favoured, fayre, and of a cheerful countenance."

His death occurred at sea, off the coast of Porto Bello, January 28, 1596.

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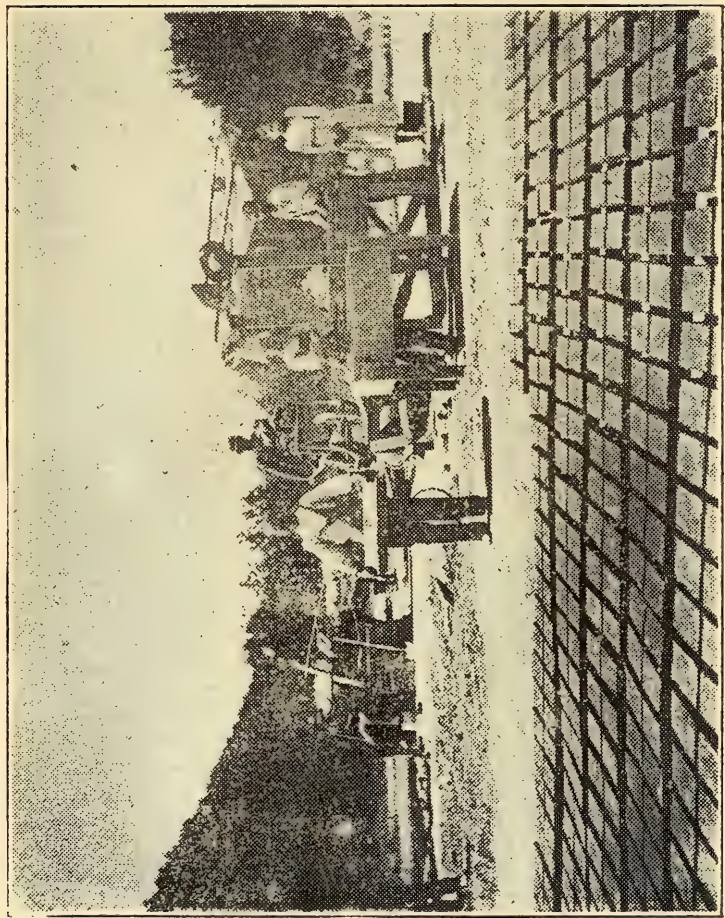
Mount Union is one of the most enterprising and progressive towns along the Middle division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in fact it is one of the most thriving towns in the Juniata Valley. It is true that she has attained her present state of industrial development in the past ten years. The population has tripled, and during the past decade her most important industries have been established. The progressive citizens have reached a point where they have an interest in the growth as well as the beautifying of the town. New and larger buildings have been erected in the past few years. These buildings, especially along the business section, have been built with respect to their permanen-

cy as well as to their permanent location. The railroad facilities here are indeed noticeable, the town having excellent train service, and since the removal of the main line to the north section of town, a great deal of the danger to the public has been eliminated. From our marvelous industrial enterprises, in consideration of the size of the town, together with the railroads, is paid out large sums of money each month, approximately \$45,000. A recent two weeks' pay at the Harbison-Walker Brick Plant alone netted the enormous sum of \$13,500. During the past few years several hundred thousand dollars have been spent here toward the better equipment and extension of our industries. Messrs. Greene, tanners, have thoroughly renovated as well as extended the former Faust tanneries, until now it is one of the most complete industries of the kind in this section of the State. A Creosoting Plant has been built here in the last few years, operated by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, from which industry alone thousands of ties are treated daily and sent out as well as received into the plant. The Harbison-Walker Brick Company has, since this volume has been started, negotiated for the erection of twenty additional dwelling houses, for employees, west of their large plant, and we understand that in the near future the works at this place, now the largest of the kind in the world, will be greatly enlarged. The Mount Union

Silica Brick Company is also making extensive improvements since the beginning of this history, and they are enlarging their daily output so as to be on a par with the rapid improvement of the business interests of the country. With these various industries, from which there goes forth large sums of money monthly, much of which enters into the business and boom of the town, and in view of the fact that additional progress is anticipated by the operators, we have reason to believe that Mount Union entertains hopes for a remarkably successful future.

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Commensurate with the industrial progress, more people have come into the town, and some steps have been taken toward making Mount Union one of the most conspicuous towns of the State. It is to be regretted however, that in proportion to our industrial progress some things conducive to our municipal government have been neglected. Our sewerage system is inefficient for the size of the town. Our Fire Department is not properly equipped with apparatus to meet the demands which in the future will likely be made upon it. Our streets, none of which is paved, are dusty or muddy most of the year, making it very undesirable for the people to live along the main thoroughfares. These are some of the deficiencies of Mount Union, but it is to be hoped that in the near future our



Mount Union's First Brick Industry—The Old Brick Kiln

enterprising citizens, who are interested in our progress, will succeed in the conversion of those as yet uninterested, and that out of this transaction will come paved streets; a complete sewerage system; municipal ownership of electric light and power as well as water, and that the town may take a prominent place among the others of the State from a sanitary as well as a picturesque point of view.

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We are under many obligations, as citizens of Mount Union to the early settlers of this town, for because of their indefatigable effort, zeal and sacrifice, Mount Union exists today. Those early settlers were, as a rule, good, honest people, pious in their religious devotions, and sincere in their relations to their fellowmen. Many of these have passed out, but they have left their impress upon the present generation, and their influence will be extended with the development of Mount Union in the years to come. Among the first institutions of this town was the Christian church, which is undoubtedly one of the fundamentals of any successful community. Amid the hardships and deep snows of winter the earlier citizens plodded their way through the forest in order that they might worship in the little old church which they had erected. At the present time Mount Union has four churches, and these churches are wielding an influence for betterment and for good.

A little more than a year ago, Mount Union Borough was divided into wards. The First ward includes that part of town lying north of the old Pennsylvania Railroad line. The Second ward is all that part of town south of the old railroad line and west of Jefferson street. The Third ward includes that portion of town lying south of the old railroad line and east of Jefferson street. The principal streets of Mount Union are: Water, Pennsylvania Avenue, Shirley, Market, Milford, Halley, Garber and Vaudevander: Division, Jefferson and Washington.

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As the years shall come and go in the future, it is our hope that Mount Union will progress and continue to develop and that her development will be along all the lines of successful activity. May our citizens always be wide awake to our municipal needs, and select men for the different borough offices who are capable and eligible to discharge the responsibilities of the various positions. Let the idea of political faction be destroyed, and the good of the entire people together with the eligibility of the men be made the great and important features in our selection of officers. Put men into office who know what to do when they get there. In doing this our town will have made great strides toward successful government.

Let our schools continue to retain there present standard, and in addi-



tion to this, show marked improvement each successive year of their life. "Knowledge is Power," but this is an axiom that many of our school children have not yet learned. Old knowledge vanishes away and new knowledge rises to take its place. Electricity is a different subject today than what it was when Franklin tied the key to the kite string. Astronomy has discovered worlds and satellites today that Isaac Newton never saw in his day. Psychology is opening up today the intricacies of our mental fabric, a subject practically unknown in the days of some of the greatest scholars of the past. New developments and new experiments are coming to light every day. We must know them and to a great extent our schools are the media through which this advanced learning must come. Let our schools be on a par with the best public schools of the State.

Let our industrial evolution continue, for Mount Union has abundant resources here and close at hand, which should be an extraordinary inducement to the manufacturer and the business man. We are located in the midst of the coal lands of the Broad Top; we are situated along the Juniata river, which fact guarantees abundant water power; and available building sites are still at hand for the individual or the corporation looking for a place to locate. We have reason to stretch our optimism

so as to predict that in these mountains around us here, there are valuable minerals, perhaps gold hidden, which have not yet been discovered by man. The future may reveal the mystery and thus make Mount Union famous.

Let the future, and may that future not be too far distant, bring to Mount Union paved streets, a sewerage system that is complete in every particular, a water power and a pressure that will not be disturbed by slight drought, municipal ownership of light as well as water, and some system about the laying of sidewalks and erecting of buildings and dwellings. These things are greatly needed in Mount Union, and the town can never expect to be an ideal modern city or even a town conspicuous among the best of the State until these necessary demands have been satisfied. They must come in the future if we expect to keep abreast with the times. They have really got to come if we expect to continue to grow.

Let the temperance enthusiasm continue to reign in Mount Union in the future as it has in the past, notwithstanding the wholesale distribution of beer and whiskey now prevalent. May the license question in the future be just as improbable here as it is today. Let the right thinking people be against license and remain against it, and if they do this the matter will never become an issue. The people can get what they want, and if they



## Where The Harbison-Walker Brick Works now Stands

The photograph was taken the day the erection of the works was begun

want the right thing they will get it. Statistics show that towns where the sale of rum is forbidden are more prosperous than those where intoxicants are sold. You cannot expect to have a good wholesome citizenship evolve out of habitual drunkards any more than the highest type of man can through centuries of evolution develop from an ape.

Then, we have this great plea to make in the closing of this volume, that our churches may continue to mold the life of the community, and that as the population increases the number of church edifices may increase in corresponding proportion. May the influence for good never be lax in Mount Union. The church is responsible for the moral and religious growth of the town, and in many instances for the industrial life of the community. As is the church life in Mount Union, so will be our development and success in every activity. The church will determine our religious and moral destiny. Our spiritual development is one of the first things to be looked after as a community. In addition to the churches, let the newspapers of Mount Union stand for good as well as righteousness, and may they fill the popular mind with that which is edifying rather than what is sensational and trashy. May there be good, religious men, godly and honest men, at the head of our city, men who are interested in the good of everybody and not so

much in their own personal welfare, and then will Mount Union continue to be a great town and her influence be felt throughout the State, country and perhaps the world.

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We started this historical sketch of Mount Union last summer. The first installment of it was printed in the Mount Union Times September 10, 1909. At the beginning it was expected that only a brief history would result and no thought of making a book was entertained. As the hidden treasures of interesting historical narrative have unfolded, the prospect has widened, and it has been deemed worth while to enlarge upon the primitive expectations, thus reaching the limitation of a volume of several hundred pages, setting forth some of the historical facts of Mount Union, Shirleysburg and Shirley township. This history does not enter into detail as extensively as the writer would desire, if more time and space were available, but from the superficial data, and despite the inefficiency of the effort, it is hoped that this work will meet the approbation of the public. We write these closing lines this eighteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and ten. We write them as we have written the entire volume, because of our love for Mount Union, in view of the fact that we have been born and bred within her borders. Unto many who have been nurtured here and who have felt the effects of

the town's influence, in the present as well as in the past, Mount Union shall ever be held in precious memory. May her prosperity never wane; may the smoke from her wheels of industry never cease to rise; may her moral and religious life as well as her highest standard of living and ethics never become lax, but far out even into the dim future, untold, unseen and untried, may Mount Union continue to live as one of the best, cleanest and most successful towns in the Juniata Valley.



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